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By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

IT IS strange to see middle-aged women of determined aspect, the mothers of families, young women evidently not long married with painted lips and a permanent wave, tending an automatic machine in the crowded din of an armament works.

For thousands of women are working in factories in France. In most of them, I think, the wife was offered the job of her mobilised husband.

Many of them had never worked in a factory before, but I was told by various directors that they got into the way of it very quickly. I was not surprised, for after what I have seen I am ready to believe that the French woman can do anything she has a mind to.

But they have their homes to look after and their children to care for. In some factories they work only two weeks out of three, in others every third day off, in either case with full pay, so that they should not lose touch with what after all are their essential interests and so that their children should run as little chance as possible of neglect.

It is grim to see this multitude of women occupied in making all manner of things to kill and maim the husbands and brothers of other women. In some work, the delicate and accurate work, for instance, that has to be put into making a

fuse, they are better than men. It is grim to see them so neatly painting and varnishing the cases of big shells.

It is grim to see them, rows and rows of them, at a factory of explosives making the bas in which powder is to be poured, and, when they are filled, tying them up into neat parcels or packing them into metal cylinders.

There are many more who have given their money and their time to the numerous associations that have been instituted to cope with the manifold difficulties of the

The Woman's Part In The War

moment. There are many who have set themselves, alone and obscure, to alleviate the distress, financial and moral, of their neighbours.

The Red Cross has founded 150 auxiliary hospitals, with nearly 20,000 beds, and has placed thousands of adequately trained nurses at the disposal of the authorities.

L'Union des Femmes de France sends parcels to the soldiers and has enrolled a host of women and girls to make jumpers, socks and scarves for the soldiers, but besides this, it has embarked upon two undertakings, one of which shows, to my mind, a touching thoughtfulness and of which the other peculiarly interests me as a professional writer.

MEN on leave, or transferred from one post to another, often arrive at a station where they have to spend the best part of the night before the train starts. They are tired and hungry, maybe wet through, and they have perhaps little money in their pockets. L'Union des Femmes de France offers them shelter.

A woman opens the door and invites the weary soldier to come in. He finds a warm room with

beds in it, rugs to cover him and hot coffee. There are paper and pencils on a table so that he can write to his family or his girl, and the fact that in one station alone from 250 to 300 letters are written every night shows that he is glad of the opportunity.

Next door is a lavatory where he can wash his feet and put on a clean pair of socks; his own

and it is heartening to know that the response has been great. The books are sorted and sent to the front to give a soldier a few hours of happy forgetfulness, to give him, perhaps, some new thought to ponder over and to bring into his monotonous life a little romance or a little laughter.

I said just now that I believed there was little French women could not do if they had a mind to. Here is a little story which might well serve as the theme for a success novel.

There is a factory where not only most of the employees, but also the owner, were young; they were called up and the factory closed down. But the owner's secretary, whom I know only as Mademoiselle B., could not bear to think that these busy workers should stay idle and its many women employees thrown out of a job; so with feminine astuteness she pulled all the strings she could to get the factory requisitioned by the State, by which means work for National Defence could be secured.

She was thus able to keep her women workers and because what the factory produces is of essential service, get such men as are necessary. The machines were set going again, and soon work was in full swing.

MADemoiselle B. is evidently a young woman of determination, for during the luncheon hour, lunch being served at a canteen, she has set the women to knit scarves, socks and sweaters of the employees of the factory who are mobilised.

There is a fund to which each worker contributes a few sous so that little luxuries may be added to the parcels.

Mademoiselle B. must be a person of intelligence, energy and initiative; and of course the end of the story should be orange blossom and marriage bells; but whether she should marry the owner of the factory or a young son of the factory who has returned from the front with the Croix de Guerre the reader must decide for himself.

There are vast numbers of women in France who are quietly doing obscure and humble tasks of which no one will ever hear.

There was a baker who made bread for the whole district and his wife with her handcart delivered it in the surrounding hamlets. He was called up, and since he was the only baker in the neighbourhood it would have been a poor look out for everyone if the wife had left behind had not set to work to make and bake the bread herself at night and deliver it as usual by day.

And so everywhere the women of France, with wonderful patience, with their sense of affairs and with fortitude, are in a large part maintaining the prosperity of the country.

IN rural districts they are looking after the horses and cattle that have not been requisitioned and getting the fruitful soil ready for next harvest.



are washed and mended and passed on to another man. He gets a good sleep and a kindly woman wakes him when his train is due. He leaves rested not only in body but in spirit.

FOR months now the French soldier has had to stand the hardest possible trial to one of his ardent temper—he has had to wait; and his spirit craving for occupation demands reading matter.

L'Union des Femmes de France issued an appeal for this

vest; in the towns they are keeping the shops open and running their men's business.

Women are taking over the practice of the doctors who have been mobilised. In the schools women teachers have taken over the work of men teachers and uncomplainingly added it to their own.

I will finish my article with one trifling observation I have made which seems to me somewhat curious.

Since the beginning of the war the hair of many of the women in France has been growing rapidly darker at the roots.

Whether this is due to the anxiety natural to the circumstances

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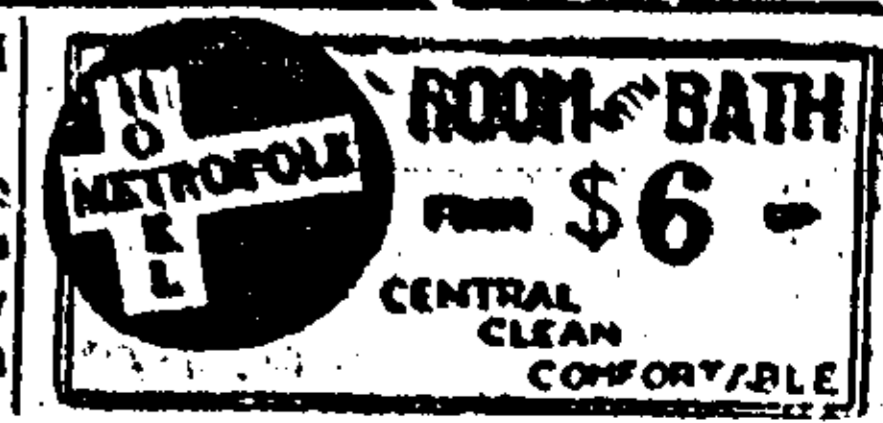
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or to some more obscure cause, I am not competent to say.

I will, however, hazard the surmise that if the war continues much longer there will be few blondes in France for gentlemen to prefer.

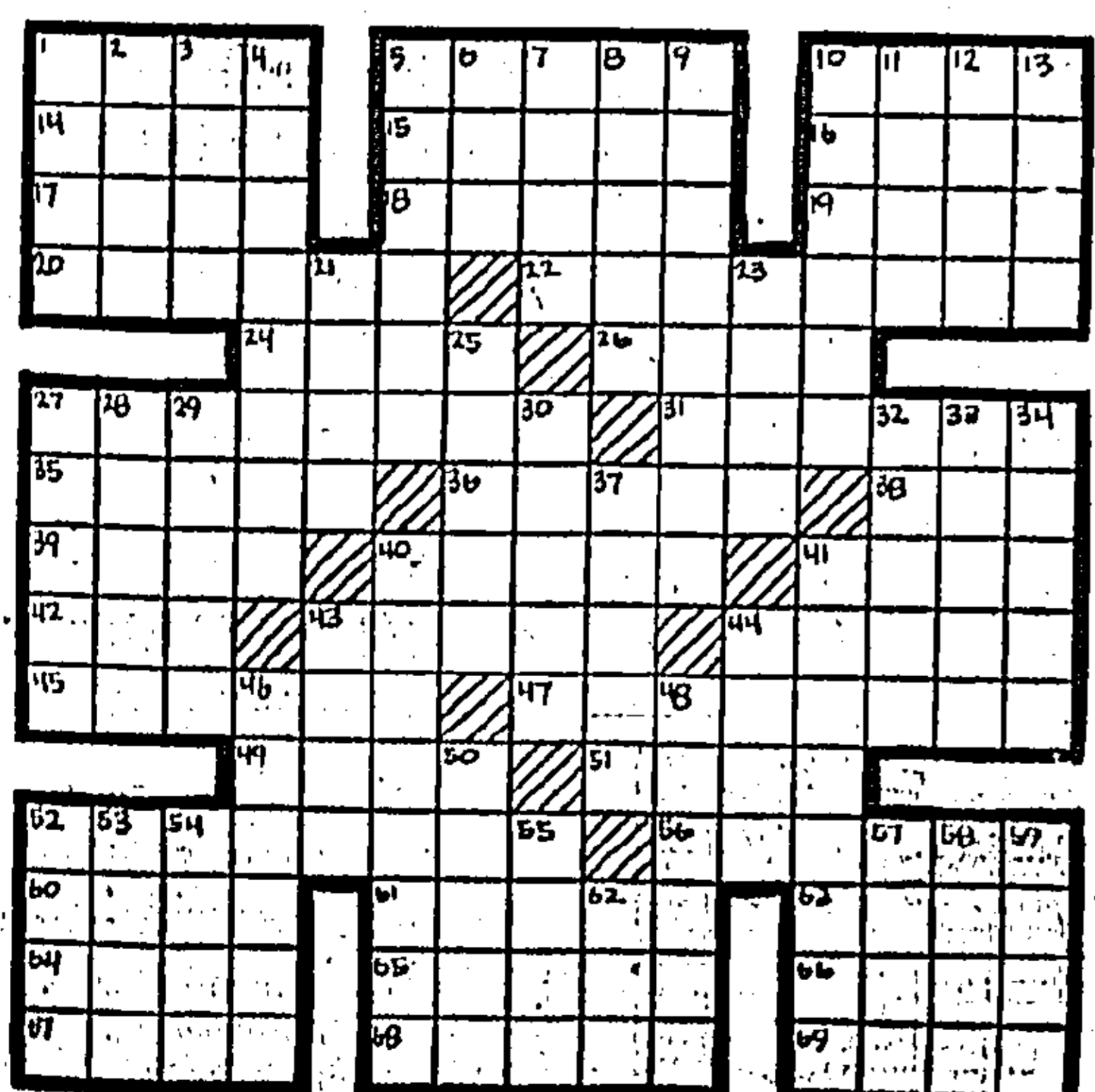


Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-Alexander	2-Cheeked, as breath	3-Cobbler's tool	4-Finale of fugue	5-Dreadful pain tree	6-Clock	7-Image of worship	8-Antle gallery	9-Officers' helper	10-Letters of diamant	11-Answered in kind	12-Remove skin	13-Teer	14-Accented	15-Lodged	16-Grain of body	17-Urge on	18-Brain	19-Crains	20-Scientific division of plant and animal life	21-Bridge	22-Custom	23-Kind of signal	24-Landing, as a ship	25-Blank alert	26-Whimpering	27-Wing-shaped	28-Potato (col.)	29-Small chemical turbine	30-Having feet	31-Fat	32-Musical instrument	33-Clubhouse of Deaf	34-To sheltered side
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INDIAN TROOPS

Cairo, Feb. 28. With artillery booming, Indian troops went into action in the desert today in a series of exercises which will last a month. The defending force established its field headquarters under date palms in the ruins of Memphis and Bren guns and field pieces were camouflaged with palm branches.

While the motorised enemy columns trying to destroy the canals and bridges of the Nile Valley advanced from the western desert, Jats, Rajputs, Punjabis and Hazarawals, cunningly hidden in the sandy gullies, guarded a 15-mile front. They had to wait the whole night watching with telescopes and waiting for the enemy in a silence broken only by the occasional howl of a jackal. One Indian was posted with a telephone at the summit of a pyramid.

The Indians thoroughly entered into the spirit of the exercises, which they treated as the real thing.

The British, New Zealand and Egyptian armies are also carrying out exercises, and large scale manoeuvres involving the combined armies are likely to be staged.

The friendliness of the troops of different nationalities strikingly demonstrates the Empire solidarity. The New Zealanders are mixing with the Indians and all are welcomed by the Egyptians in the Cairo barracks. The Dominion troops salute the Indian officers with enthusiasm.

A half hour programme of Indian music is broadcast every night from Cairo for the benefit of the troops camped in the desert. A special club for Indian troops will be inaugurated on March 4 under the presidency of Lady Lampson—*Reuter.*

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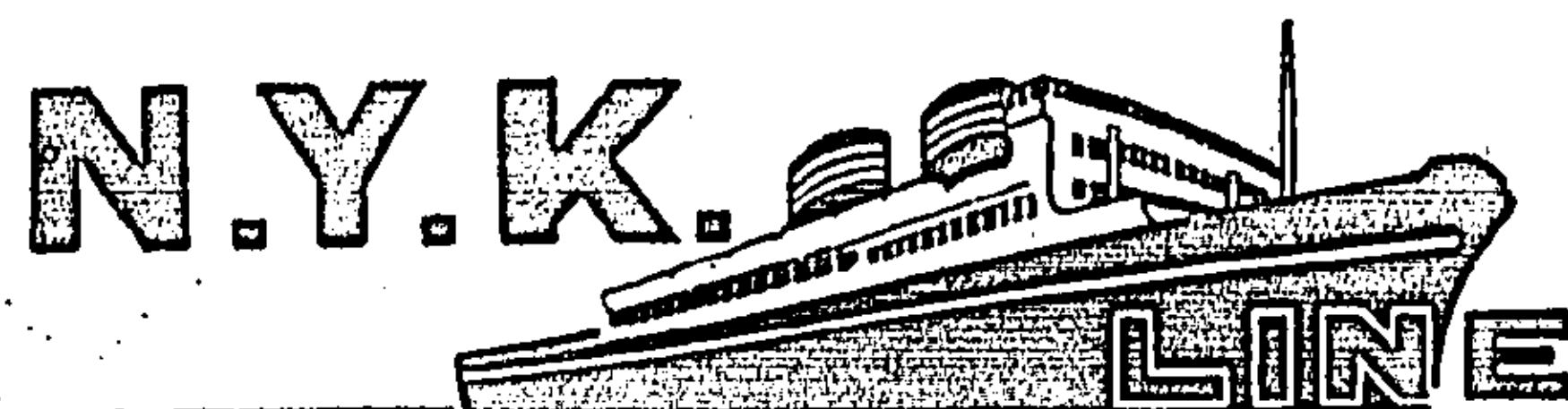
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A NEW fashion has been started for the 1940 entertaining season at Home. Instead of inviting friends to come to a tea-party, the children's invitations now read "Between 12 mid-day and 4.30 p.m."

It's a fine idea, because the little guests are home before it's really dark, and they have their musical chairs and other boisterous games in rooms which are not made useless by blackout restrictions.

Mother as hostess, provides an easy-to-eat "fingers and forks" meal at about 12.30. She remembers that small folk like savoury cats as well as sweet, and that they prefer cakes and trifle which look pretty but are not over-rich in taste.

And that tasty little meat patties served hot are relished by all children. Here is a good recipe:

Ingredients: 1 No. 1 tin corned beef, 8oz. short-crust pastry, 4 potatoes of medium size, 2 small onions, 1 teaspoonful parsley, ½ gill water, or 1 tablespoonful unsweetened condensed milk.

Partly cook the potatoes and onions by boiling for about 10 minutes. Then strain, dice the potato, chop onion.

Put into a basin with the diced corned beef, parsley, pepper, salt and a little mustard, and blend with the water or unsweetened milk.

Roll out the pastry, cut into rounds about three inches across. Put an equal quantity of meat and potato mixture into the centre of each piece of pastry, fold over, tap up the edges, and mark with the back of a knife.

Bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes, or until the pastry is golden brown and the vegetables cooked. The appearance of the patties is improved if they are brushed over with a little beaten egg or milk before cooking.

A plateful of glossy bridge rolls spread with "green" butter will catch the eye. The spread is made by chopping well-washed watercress up very fine, then pounding it into margarine until this is a green colour.

Here are suggestions for other savoury fillings for dainty sandwiches:

Savoury Spreads
Grated cheese sprinkled with finely chopped capers or olives; hard-boiled

egg with the finest dash of anchovy sauce, or, instead of the sauce, a trace of Marmite on the butter bread.

Cold beef of chicken, minced small and pounded up with a piece of margarine, salt and pepper, and a shake of nutmeg or powdered mace, makes an appetising filling. So do sardines combined with chopped beetroot and a drop or two of vinegar.

Trifle Delight
As for the sweets, it wouldn't be a party if there weren't a trifle.

Ingredients: One large sponge cake baked in a fancy mould, fruit juice, 1½ pt. custard, 2oz. sweet almonds, few drops of ratalia essence, crystallised fruits or "hundreds and thousands," 1oz. pistachio nuts.

Place sponge cake in a deep glass dish and soak with fruit juice.

Pour over the custard flavoured with the ratalia essence. Blanch and skin the almonds, cut into spikes and stick them into the sponge.

Sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts, and "hundreds and thousands" or, if used, decorate with crystallised fruits and a few blobs of cream. A tempting trifle is always served really cold.

The fresh flavour of a fruit jelly is popular with young people.

Fruit Jelly

Ingredients: 2 packets strawberry jelly, 1½ pints water and fruit juice, mixed fruit such as grapes, canned pineapple, and apricots.

Rinse a fairly large mould out with cold water, leave the inside wet, and

SHORT CUTS

Mix gelatin dessert in a wide-mouthed pitcher. Then the gelatin may be poured into sherbet glasses very easily without spilling.

You will have no difficulty in removing the skin of tomato, if you dip it into very hot water, or place it on a fork and hold it over a gas flame.

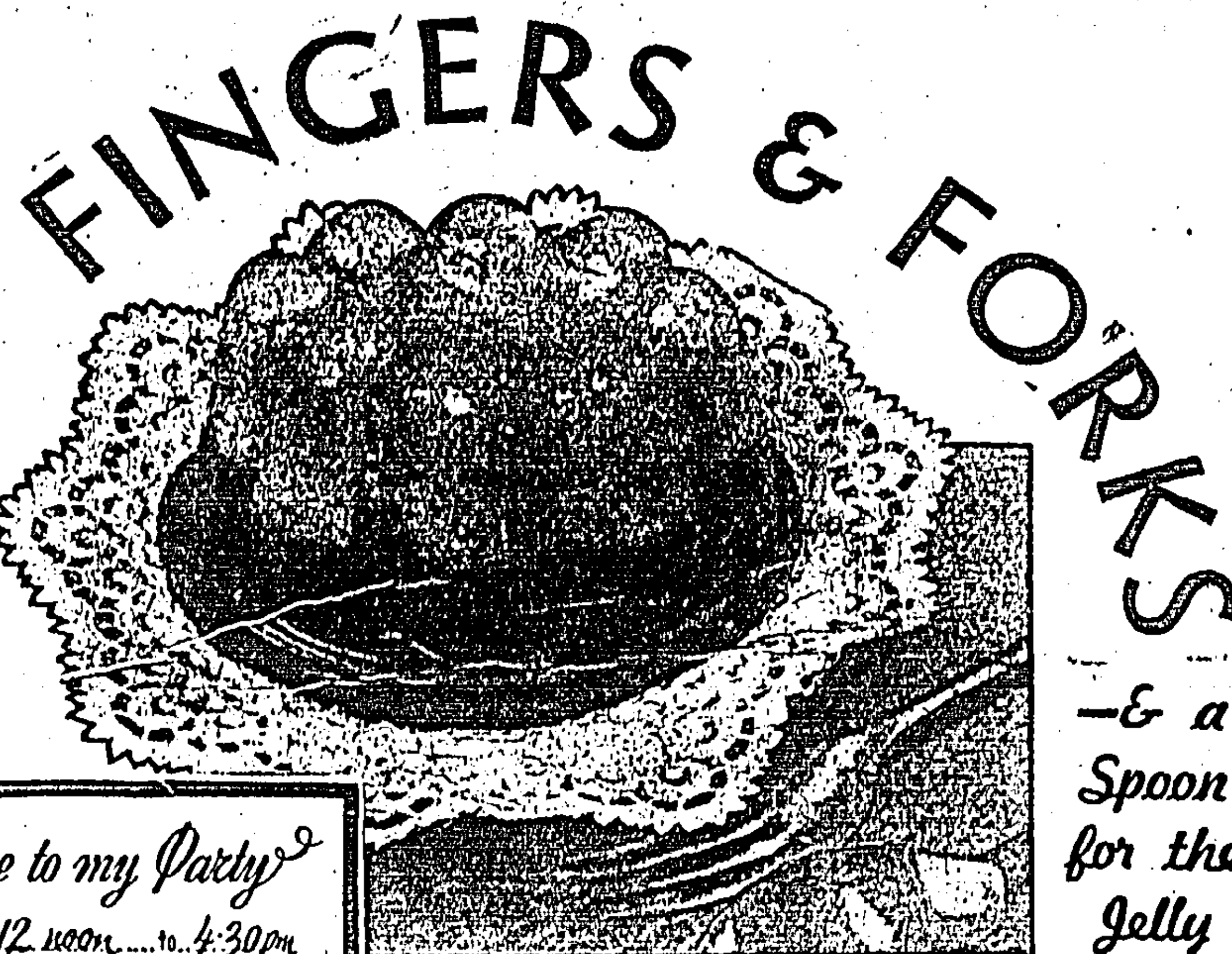


Waltz Dream is the name of this lovely gown in black shadow lace over mauve. Inset giraffe is of black velvet, and the neckline is cut in a deep oval.

DIES FROM INJURIES Chinese Businessman Shot In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 28. Without regaining complete consciousness, Liu Chung-yang, prominent businessman who was shot while riding in a rickshaw in Kiukiang Road yesterday died to-day.

According to the China Press, the motive for the crime, though strongly suspected to be political, is still unknown as the arrested gunman refused to give a clear story. The paper suspects Liu was killed because he was the manager of the Davnash broadcasting station, which is said to have been recently disorienting Wang Ching-wei propaganda.—Reuter.



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place mould in a pan of very cold water or broken ice.

Dissolve the jellies in the hot water and fruit juice, pour a little into the cake tins, 8 inches in diameter. See mould, and allow it to set. Add that the mixture is spread right up some of the fruit, contrasting the colours, cover with more jelly and leave to set. Repeat until the mould is full, taking care that each layer of jelly is set firm before adding fruit.

Walnut Layer Cake

Rich fruit cakes are unpopular at children's parties. They prefer a light mixture, such as walnut layer cake.

Ingredients: 10 ozs. flour, pinch of salt, 4 ozs. margarine, 1 gill milk, 3 eggs, ½ oz. baking powder, 9 ozs. sugar, 2 ozs. walnuts, 1 teaspoonful vanilla essence.

Filling: 3 tablespoons apricot jam, 1 tablespoon chopped walnuts, 3 tablespoons ground almonds, 1 teasp. vanilla essence.

Sift flour, baking powder and salt into a basin. Cream margarine and sugar; chop walnuts. Add a little flour to the margarine and sugar, then one egg alternately until you

have used up flour and eggs and milk diluted with a little water is what the toddlers will like. Older boys and girls will appreciate this fruitly thirst-quencher.

Ingredients: 1 quart of cold water, 2 cupsful of sugar, ½ cup of lemon juice, 2 cupsful chopped pineapple, 1 cupful orange juice, 1 cupful pineapple syrup.

Boll sugar, water and pineapple syrup for 20 minutes. Add the shredded pineapple and fruit juices, cool, strain, and dilute with ice water.

Pineapple Punch
As for drinks, a small glass of milk diluted with a little water is what the toddlers will like. Older boys and girls will appreciate this fruitly thirst-quencher.

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These blankets are made up of knitted squares (plain knitting) and different coloured wools can be used. This gives a colourful patchwork effect. The finished squares are all joined together with a simple crochet stitch.

The result is a gay, attractive blanket which serves as a cosy quilt as well. The number of stitches used to each square depends on the size you want them to be, and the needles and wool used. Six inches square, 4-ply wool makes a good size and thickness or 4-inch squares for a small bed, if you use thinner wool, use it double.

Household Aid

ODD pieces of string, which you collect in the course of your shopping, may have a hundred uses. A few moments spent in rolling each piece so that it does not become tangled in the string box will not be wasted.

Pieces three or four feet in length may help you to solve the clothes line problem. Six or eight strands, stretched tightly across the corner of the yard or kitchen, make an excellent line, especially for stockings or knitted silk wear. Keep the garments in place by threading over two strands then under two. There is no danger of peg marks, and the garments keep their shape.

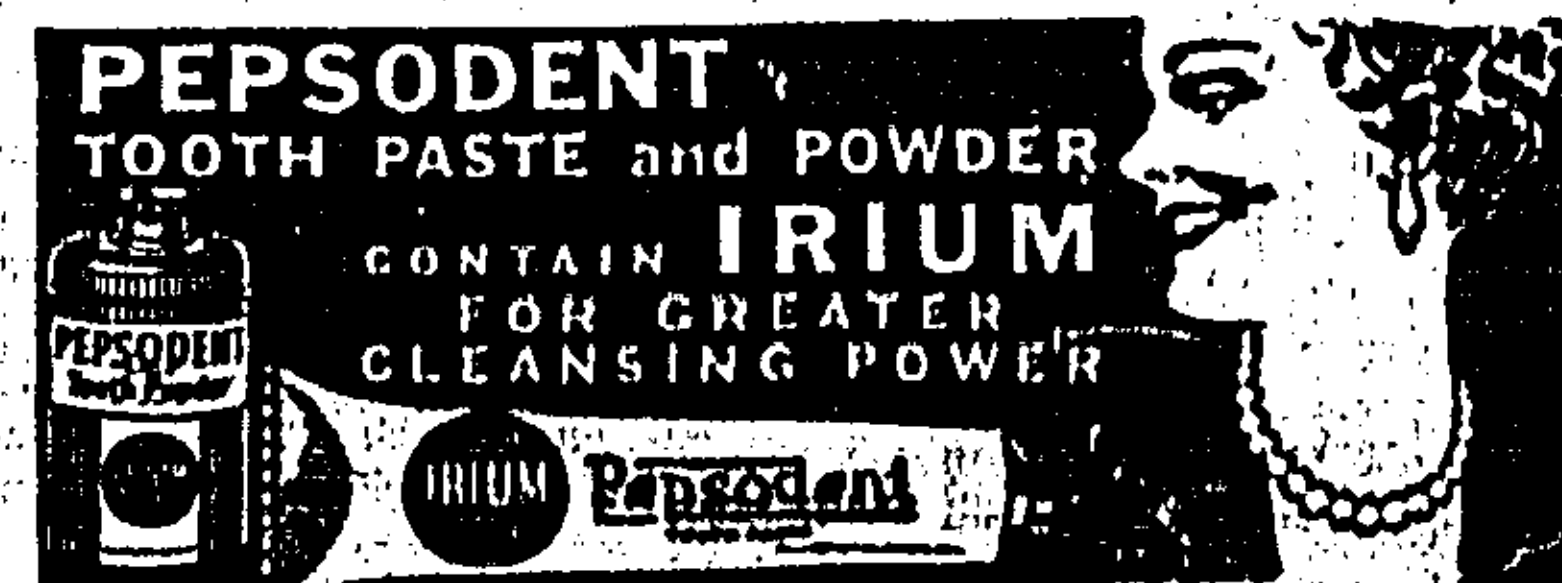
Kettle lids and handles become too hot to hold, but a short piece of string wound tightly and evenly over the offending part may save a burn.

In cooking, too, string has uses. A piece of boiled meat, so often difficult to remove from the saucepan whole, can be handled with ease if tied in string before cooking. Use a clean piece or wash in water before tying the meat. Cauliflower will remain unbroken if treated in the same way.

In sewing, odd lengths of string can take the place of piping or help when preparing strips of material for faggoting. Attach a piece of string firmly to one side of the sewn strip, at the end. If the string is threaded back through the casing it is a simple matter to pull the material to the right side.

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Mincepies baked on flat tins instead of in patty tins keep their shape better, and there is no "digging out" to be done.

Should the pastry show any tendency to stick to the tin, place this for a few minutes on a damp cloth, before trying to move the pies.

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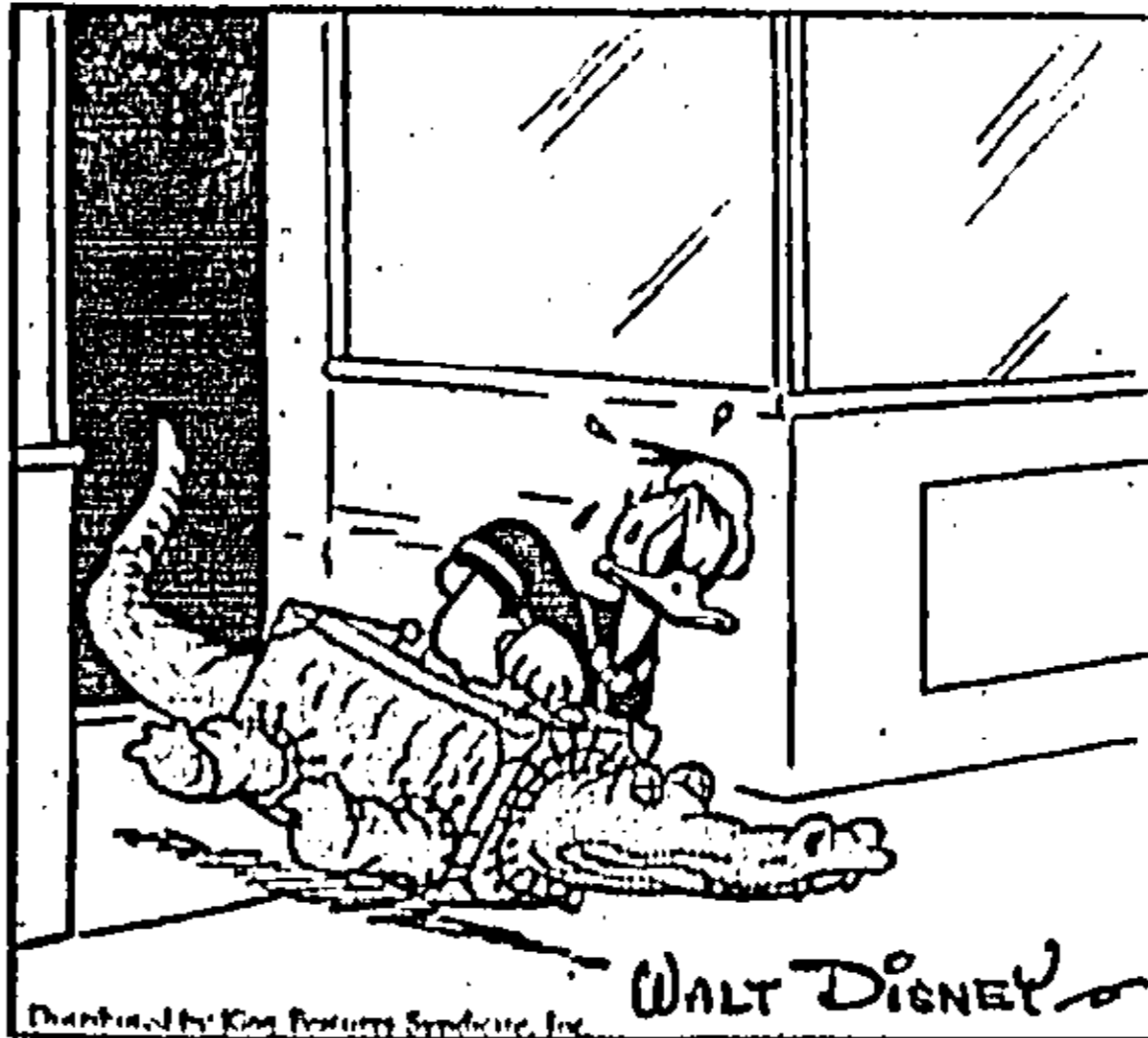
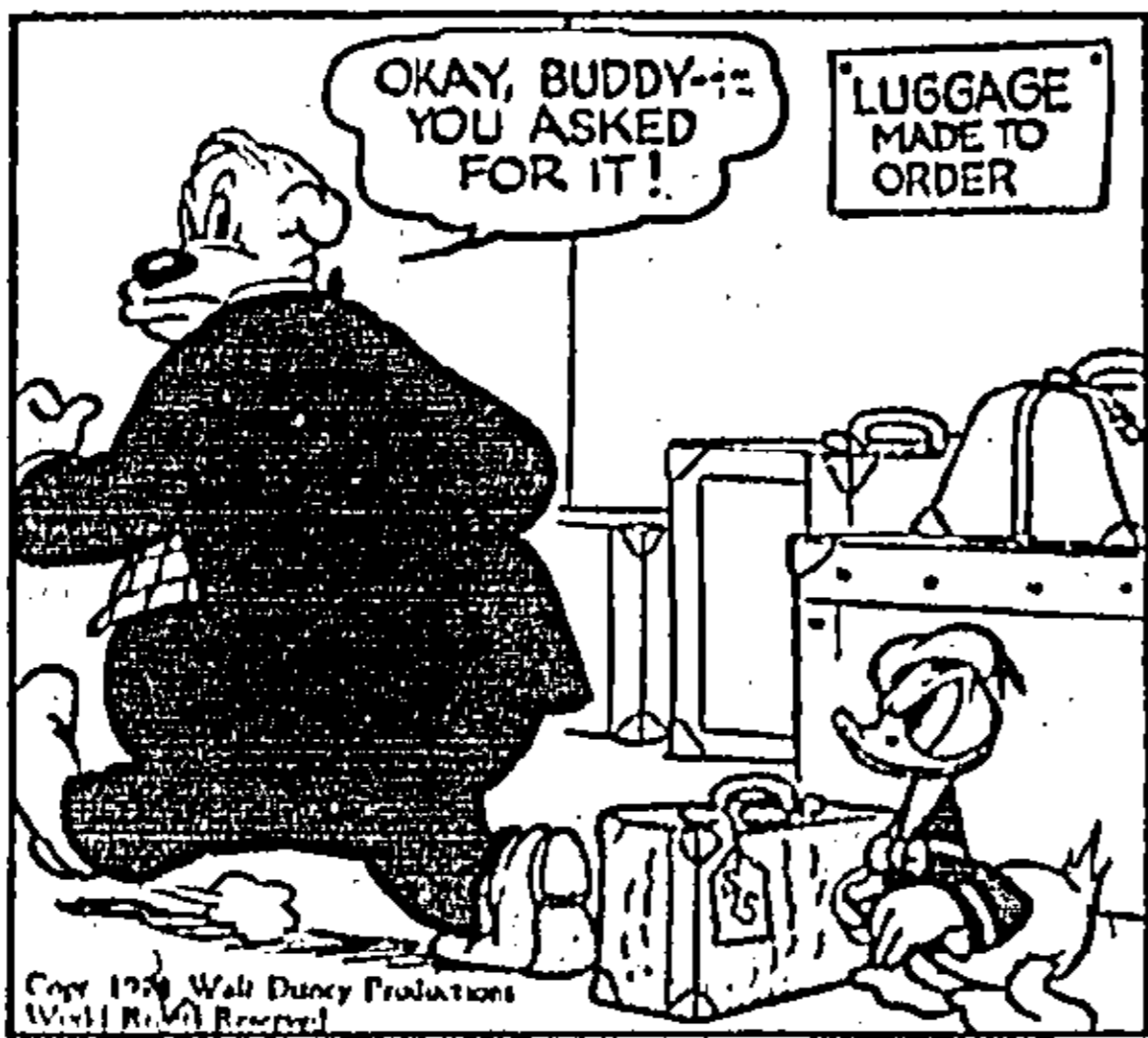
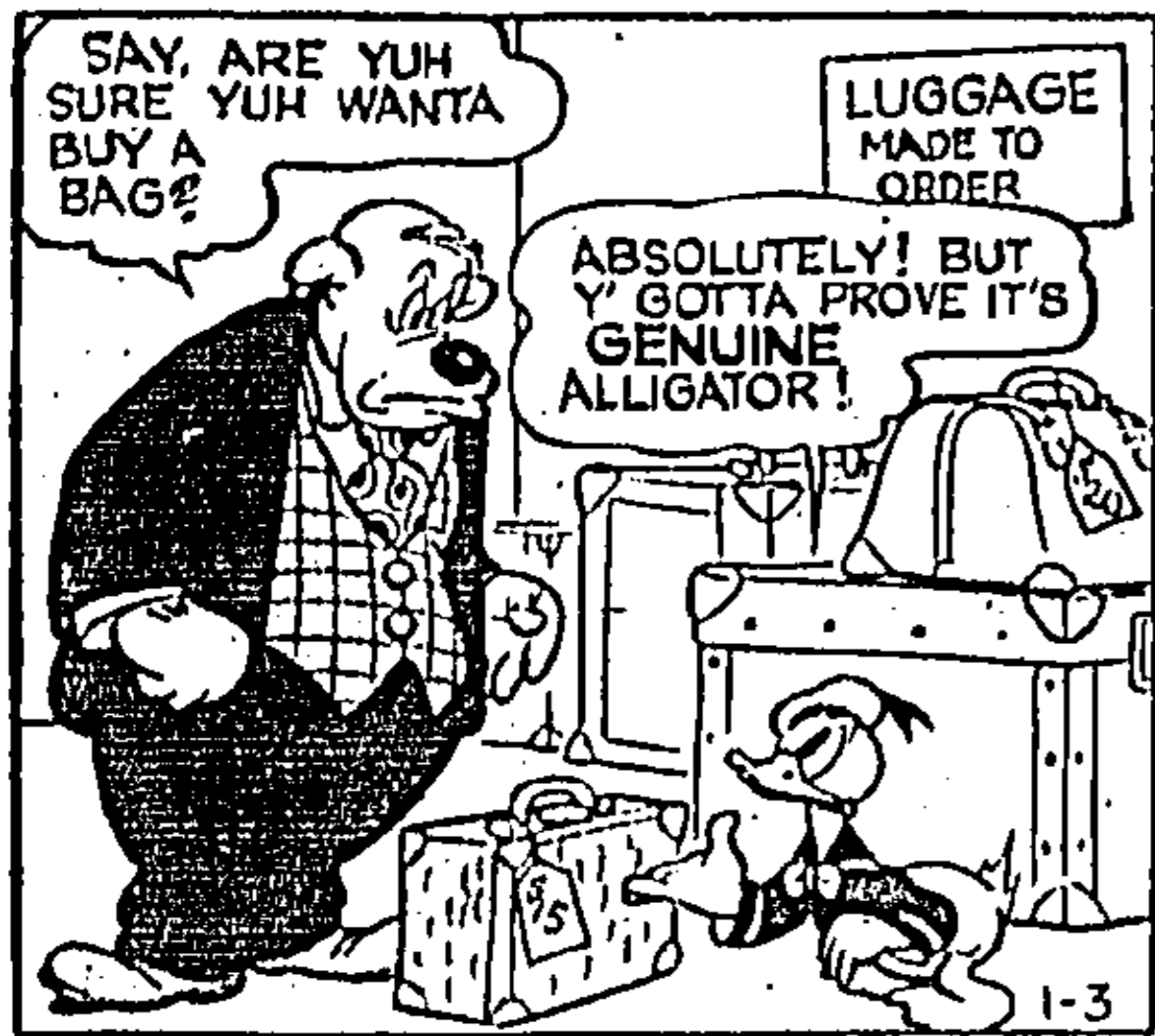
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HUNGARY AND DUCE AS ALLIES?

ROME.

ITALY and Hungary are pledged to move against any Power that violates Balkan security.



White Eagle, chief of the Algonquin Indians, has arrived in England. He came with the second contingent of Canadians. He answers to the name of Supper P. J. Bennett, and has given up his bow and arrow for a bayonet. (See picture on right.) He fought in the last war.

That, I understand, is the effect of the agreement reached between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers during their talks at Venice.

It is regarded as doubtful whether the Italian end of the Rome-Berlin Axis could stand the strain, if Russia should attack Rumania and still retain Germany's friendship.

There is little hope, as far as can be seen here, of an early agreement between Hungary and Rumania on the Transylvanian question.

Reinforcements of Rumanian troops are, in fact, reported to have been sent to the Transylvanian border. Reports that a formidable Franco-British colonial army, commanded by General Weygand, would go to Rumania's assistance if she were attacked, are also taken as a sign that King Carol will stay out of a Balkan bloc.

[According to news agency reports from Budapest, a defensive military alliance was arranged between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers.]

In Rome, however, the reports were described as a rather sensational phrasing of Italy's willingness to support Hungary.

POLES MUST GIVE UP RADIOS

ALL wireless sets, except those belonging to Germans, in the German-occupied Polish territory must be handed to the police.

These are the drastic terms of an order issued by Herr Frank, the Nazi Governor-General of German Poland.

Germans and, in special cases, Ukrainians need only report that they have wireless sets in their possession.

The decree is obviously aimed at the

Polish language broadcasts from France and Britain.

They are having a considerable effect.

A German communiqué admitted that small parties of Polish young men were regularly making their way to the western countries to enlist by way of the Baltic States.

Meanwhile, rigorous precautions are being taken against the formation of rebel detachments in the occupied territory itself.

Party Census Disclosures

A YEAR BOOK of the Nazi Party has just been published.

It provides the first accurate estimate of the size of the organisation which Hitler has created as a State within the State.

The whole of Greater Germany, the Year Book claims, is covered with a widespread net of Party organisations.

The 80,000,000 Germans are divided into 481,875 blocks, 96,699 cells, 27,889 local groups, 822 provincial groups and 41 districts, which roughly correspond with the administrative sectors of the Reich bureaucracy.

No actual figures of employees in this vast network are given, but careful study of the Year Book reveals the figures.

INSIDE GERMANY by WILLI FRISCHAUER

G.P.U. HUNT FOR SOCIALISTS

PARIS. INTENSIFICATION of political persecution in Eastern Poland—occupied by Soviet troops—is reported by refugees who left Lwow recently.

Socialists, both Polish, of the Polish Socialist Party (P.P.S.), and Jewish, of the "Bund," are the worst sufferers. Socialist leaders of non working-class origin are hunted down with special bitterness by the G.P.U.

Former deputy Arthur Hauser, leader of the Lwow P.P.S., Zymunt, editor of "Robotnik," is reported to have been arrested, as well as the Workers' University, MM. Musiek, President of the Railwaymen's Union, and Frykowski and Bator secretaries of the union are among the arrested.

The entire executive committee of the Stanislaw district party organisation was deported to Russia. The peasant leader Gruszka is also under arrest. Martial law has been in force all over the occupied area since the beginning of the Finnish campaign. On the other side of the Soviet-German demarcation line political persecution began in earnest after the Gestapo had taken over from the military authorities. The Socialist leader Niedzialkowski, editor of "Robotnik," is reported to have been arrested, as well as the Peasant Party chairman, Rutaj, ex-president of the Railwaymen's Union, and Frykowski and Bator secretaries of the union are among the arrested.

THE Nazi Labour Front, for instance, which is headed by Dr. Ley, employs 33,000 clerks inside the Reich (without Austria, the Sudetenland, and Poland).

To them must be added 1,200,000 semi-professional paid and unpaid helpers. The Labour Front alone had expenditure of over £40,000,000 in 1938.

The Reich Food organisation, under Minister Darré, employs 21,000 men and women.

The Ribbentrop Office—a parallel organisation to the Nazi Foreign Office—with its 400 employees, fills only a minor place in this impressive list.

THE Year Book gives also an idea of the growth of such Party organisations as the S.S., the Nazi Black Guards.

It says that the S.S. is a full-scale army, exclusively at the disposal of the Fuehrer.

From various detailed hints its strength can now be given as 300,000 specially picked and selected men, of unquestionably Aryan descent. To these must be added the Death's Head S.S., numbering 100,000 with the chief task of policing prisons and concentration camps.

The End of Hitler's Rule

By DON IDDON.

New York. HERR FRITZ THYSSEN, the exiled German steel magnate and industrialist, one of the men who financed Hitler but who fled to Switzerland in November, believes the Nazi rule is doomed.

In an interview with Herbert Matthews, New York Times correspondent in Locarno, published in the New York Times, Herr Thyssen insisted that he was going back to Germany sooner or later. At the same time he stressed his opposition to the present regime.

Hindenburg Did Not Know. Matthews says: "It was quite clear that Thyssen felt that President Hindenburg would never have put Hitler in power if he had known what the result was going to be. 'In the same way he indicated plainly that he believes the end of Hitler's regime is not so very far off. 'And it is obvious that he expects to survive the Fuehrer as a force in German affairs.' Regarding his role in the Nazi organisation Thyssen said: 'I am certainly going to publish my story, for I don't want people to be talking nonsense about me and the role I have played.'"

Frau Denies "Lied Like Churchill"

AMSTERDAM. A citizen of Delft, says the Westfalia Land Zeitung, told his wife in the course of a quarrel that she "lied like Winston Churchill." The wife, indignantly, took her husband to court. He was fined for the "insult."



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6.47 Swing Music.

7 London Relay—"Pictures in the Fire."

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7.30 London Relay—The News.

8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Two Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).

8.23 Sidney Torch at the Organ.

8.33 Jack Hylton and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "Yunnan" by the Rev. J. P. Sandbach.

9.03 Do Falls—"Three Corners of Hat" Suite.

New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.20 London Relay—"Vive La France!"

The first of a series on the Life of the French Army and People.

9.45 Interlude.

Martial Moments (arr. Aubrey Winter)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

9.50 Puccini's "La Tosca" Acts II and III.

Singers in order of appearance: Apollo Granforte (Baritone); Giovanni Azimonti (Bass); Nello Pini (Tenor); Carmen Mella (Soprano); Piero Pauli (Tenor) and Giuseppe Bottini (Boy Soprano); with the Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabagno.

11 London Relay—"Background to the News."

11.15 Close Down.

Battle Near Nanning

Chungking, Feb. 28.

After three days' fighting along the highway north-east of Nanning, the Japanese have been repulsed and the Chinese are approaching Santang, 10 miles north-east of Nanning, according to a Chinese despatch from Luchow.

Following the general withdrawal of Japanese troops from the Pingyang and Wuning areas in the direction of Nanning a fortnight ago, the Japanese at Santang suddenly launched attacks against Chinese positions north-east of Nanning on February 24, probably with the intention of consolidating their defence round the town. The attack reached great intensity on the following day when, it is estimated, 3,000 Japanese, assisted by 20 field guns and many aircraft, renewed their onslaught. Heavy fighting ensued but by February 28 the attack was repulsed, with the Japanese falling back on Nanning.

By the same night the Chinese approaching Santang and the confederating forces were holding relatively the same positions as before the Japanese attack on February 24.

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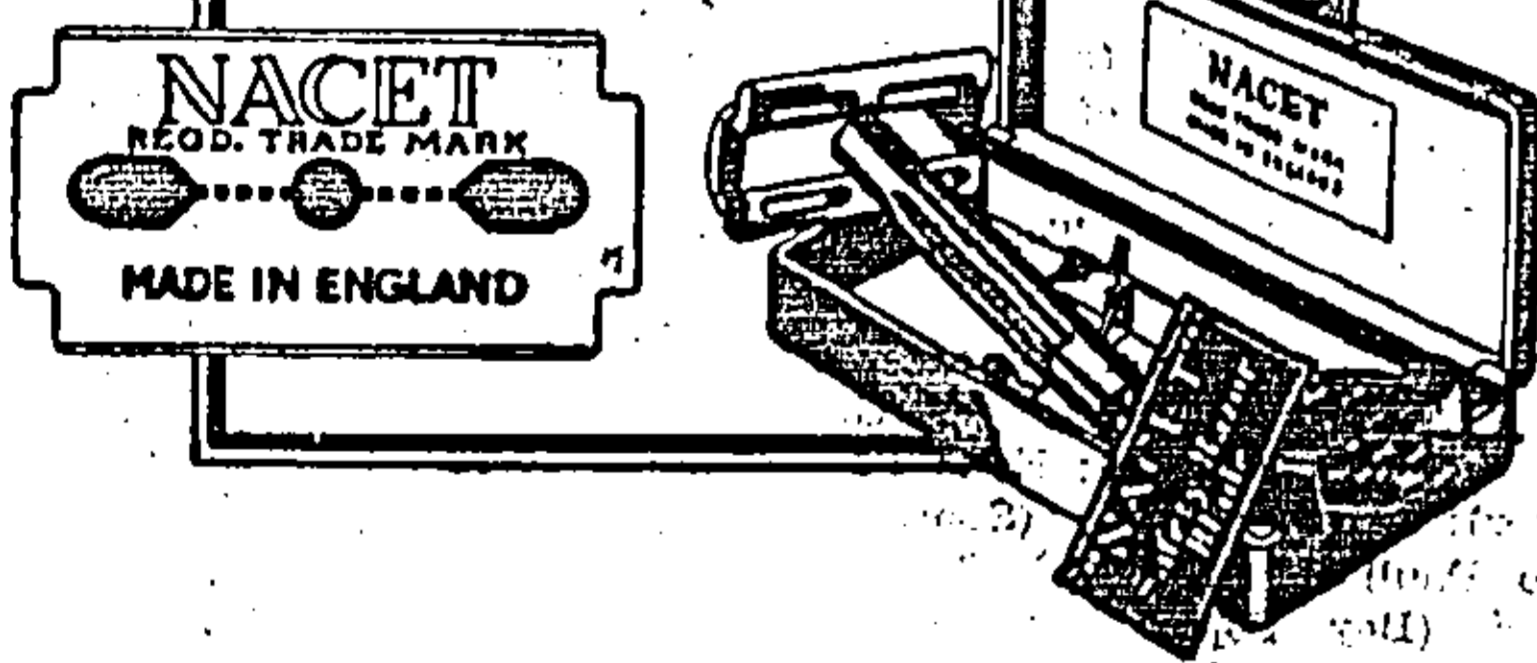
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Winston Churchill

Thirty-five years ago Mr. Churchill
was making his first speeches as a
Liberal and gaining the confidence
that returned him to the House of
Commons as a Minister. Much has
happened since to politics and to Mr.
Churchill.

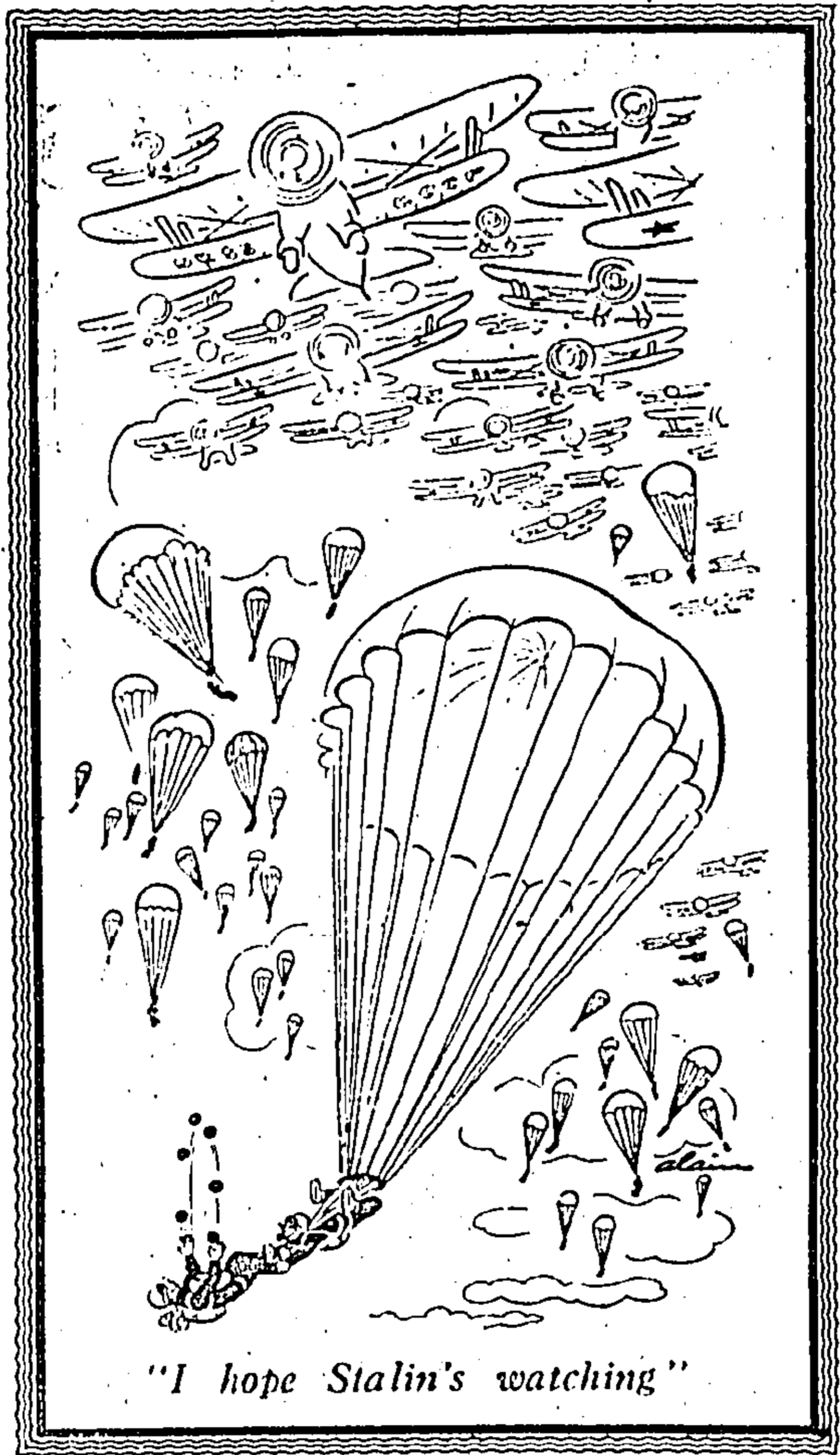
There are probably few who on
looking back over his long career
would claim that he has always been
right. There are some who have so
profound a mistrust of his judgment
that they bring to everything he says
a mind full of suspicion. But that he
stands out among public men as a
man of character, of initiative, of in-
dependence, and of tenacity nobody
will deny. And he has at this mo-
ment a very special claim to public
confidence. Month after month
during the fatal drift of Western po-
lity, when our realists were talking
of composing all the troubles of the
world by appeasement, when the
Nazi rulers were presented to us as
harmless men justly sensitive about
the treatment Germany had received
but essentially reasonable and good-
hearted, when we let our defences
rust and our diplomacy dream, Mr.
Churchill was warning the nation
that these were illusions, and
illusions for which mankind would
one day pay a terrible penalty.

About his campaign for collective
security there was something of the
character of Gladstone's campaign
against Disraeli's Eastern policy in
the seventies. For Mr. Churchill saw
in one case, as Mr. Gladstone saw
in the other, that the choice for his
country was ultimately, however the
truth might for the moment be dis-
guised under soothing phrases, the
choice between upholding tyranny
and defending freedom. Can any-
body deny that if the two Western
Governments had listened to him the
world would wear to-day a very
different face?

Mr. Churchill, who, alone among
men holding high office to-day, held
high office in the last war, devoted
most of his grave and sober eloquence
in yesterday's speech in the House
of Commons to encouraging and
steeling the spirit of the nation. He
analysed the elements of our strength
to show how vast are the resources
on which we can draw. If we know
how to use them, to conserve them
and to develop them. But he made
it plain that we must be ready for
far greater exertions than any we
have made as yet, and his description
of the efforts that are needed was
evidently intended to shake the false
optimism that is so easily induced by
the unusual conditions under which
this war is being waged.

Mr. Churchill closed his speech by
reference to the "pathy" of the
neutrals at the slaughter of their own
people by Germany's sea warfare.
In a world accustomed by the cinema
to spectacular sensations, hardened
by the numbing power of terrible
events, some are slow to realise what
is happening in all its truth. At this
moment the area swept by war in
Europe is much less than the area

He might break through . . . but he couldn't Afford to



Life in a British Internment Camp

GESTAPO terrors of Dachau and
Buchenwald . . . you know all
about that, following the Govern-
ment's publication of the White
Paper on Nazi tortures in concentra-
tion camps.

For the other side of the picture,
come with me to one of Britain's
internment camps. No tortures, no
hard work, no starvation.

Being interned, in fact, has only
one disadvantage. You get bored
stiff. Regulations at present prevent
internees from receiving anything
like military drill, or playing any
game more active than football.
Some were brought to this big
internment camp and have since been
transferred; several hundreds of Ger-
mans have passed through in this
way, and believe me they have been
well treated as prisoners of war,
though they have not been molly-
coddled.

The "boss" of the camp is a
Guards officer. The iron gates of the
camp are guarded by sentries from
a famous Territorial regiment.

that was swept by Napoleon's armies.
But two things distinguish the present
from the past miseries of Europe.
Never before has so much energy
been spent in spreading
misery for its own sake. Never be-
fore has the power to strike mind as
well as body, to wound men and
women through mind and im-
agination, through love of family or
love of God, been equipped with
weapons so sure and so terrible.
What a picture could Mr. Churchill
draw of this Europe, where all the
sufferings of callous war have been
eclipsed by the cold cruelties of de-
liberate policy, where a Government
of vast strength and immense re-
sources seeks as the object and uses
as the instrument of its plans, famine,
disease, homelessness, insanity, and
despair.

He would feature to the lurid
colours that fade on our imagination
for, we live in a world where the
crime of yesterday is forgotten in the
crime of to-day and the crime of to-
day blurs the crime of to-morrow.
Their full power to "play out" in-
dignation and pity. He could make
even the slowest mind understand
that this is not a quarrel to settle
some dispute between one Govern-
ment and another, but a quarrel to
settle whether Europe is to master
these dark passions or whether these
dark passions are to master Europe.

THE myth of the Maginot Line—a section of which has
now been taken over by British troops—is that
it is impregnable. And a very dangerous delusion that is.

It certainly is not held by the French or the British staffs, to
say nothing of the German staff. Those students of military
science understand very well the value of fortifications in modern
warfare—and their limitations.

But the mass of the population in France believe that the
Line cannot be broken. Many people here think so too. "On
ne passe pas."

THERE lies a danger.
For if the Line were
pierced by a German attack, the
public in the two Allied coun-
tries would be dismayed in pro-
portion to the confidence they
had been taught to place in the
invincible strength of the forti-
fication. They might feel, in a
wave of pessimism, that the
great barrier between them and
the Germans had been swept
away.

That would be quite a mistake.
The piercing of the Line would not
mean defeat and the ending of the
war, so long as the British and
French armies were substantially in-
tact. The effect on the ultimate
course of the war would depend on
the cost to Hitler in lives, tanks,
airplanes, etc., of breaking through.
That operation might well be so ex-
pensive that it brought about Hitler's
ruin, just as the costly German at-
tacks in the spring of 1918 led to
the German crack-up in the autumn
of that year.

But the effect on Allied morale
might be big. It is unwise in war
to pin too high hopes on the hold-
ing of one position.

LET us talk some common
sense about the Maginot
Line.

It is a very formidable zone of
fortifications designed by the best
military engineers in the world, the
French. But it is like other fortifi-
cations. It can be taken. And that
goes for the Siegfried Line too.

The world is littered with the
ruins of "impregnable" fortifications.
Those ruins still show the breach in
the invincible walls through which
the assailants poured to victory.

Some British soldiers in France at
this moment may be passing one
of the most famous military monuments
of the Middle Ages. It is one of the
masterpieces of medieval fortifica-
tion.

They will see an imposing ruin on
a rocky height. Cliffs, surmounted
by tremendous walls. They may
wonder if—and how—it was taken
by soldiers who had no artillery or
high explosives or even rifles.

Their admiration was shared by
the royal builder, Richard Coeur de
Lion, who, clapping eyes on it for
the first time, exclaimed in delight:
"It's a saucy child, my year-old
castle."

So it got its name, Saucy Castle
—Chateau Gaillard.

Three years later, the French laid
siege to it. After eight months'
work by their engineers, Chateau
Gaillard fell.

So the story runs through all
the ages. The fort is im-
pregnable—until it is taken. Liege
was going to hold up the German
invasion of Belgium. Liege crumpled
under the German siege guns in a
week. . . . The Hindenburg Line
could not be taken. It was taken.

Every line can be taken if you can
assemble at a given point a pre-
ponderance of stout-hearted men
and efficient material, and if you
have a well-devised plan and good
staff-work.

Now, Hitler has a good staff, as
his Polish campaign showed. The
German soldier has not lost his cour-
age. And there is probably a
numerical advantage on the German
side.

It would be absurd to suppose that
Hitler's generals could not conceiv-
ably take the Line by a surprise
attack.

THERE are two schools of
thought about how an at-
tack of this kind should be conducted.
The French and the German. The
French are all for caution. The
Germans are all for boldness and speed.

The French lay emphasis on
methodical preparation. The Ger-
mans on dash, leaving a great deal
to the initiative of the subordinate
commander, who will be forgiven
much, if only he keeps moving on.

The French are concerned about
their flanks, about widening their
front. The Germans, about main-
taining at all costs the onward drive
of their attack.

Their idea is not so rash as it looks.
They hope to win by disorganising
the enemy, that was how they won
the Polish war. By disorganising
an army you turn it into an armed
rabble, easy to destroy.

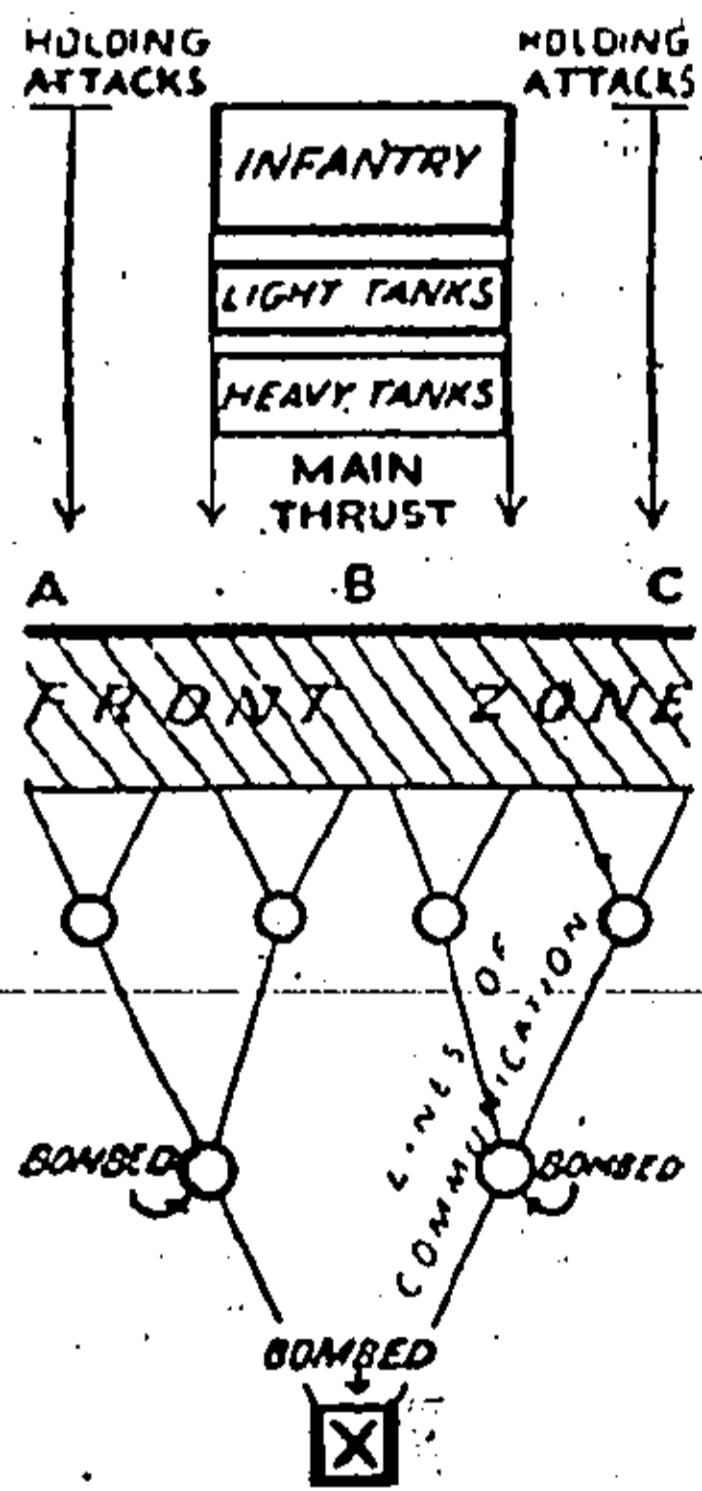
By thrusting boldly and swiftly

by Charles
Richardson

ahead, without being too anxious
about their flanks, they believe that
they can create a chaos among the
nerves-centres of the hostile army
that will be reflected in a confusion
and impotence of its front-line forces.

The further behind the front that
the attacked nerve centre lies the
wider the length of front that may
be disorganised through the paralysis
of that centre. And in the me-
chanised army and the bomber the
Germans think they have the means
of paralysing those centres.

THE proposition can be ex-
pressed as a diagram:—
By the heavy bombing of centres
X, Y and Z the Germans would hope
to break communications, prevent
reinforcement and promote confusion
over an area wider than the front of



the attack. Assuming the main de-
fensive zone pounded by the barrage
and crossed by heavy tanks, the
faster mechanised forces, light tanks,
motorised guns, and infantry would
push further on without paying too-
much attention to mopping up in
the front zone.

It might be far from being knocked
out. But, in theory, it would re-
cover too late. The battle would
have moved on. The mechanised
army would be thrusting at X itself,
hoping to turn chaos into paralysis
at that nerve centre.

This is to oversimplify the Ger-
man problem a great deal. But it is
a rough statement of the thing in
the tempo of modern war, where the
initial stage of the attack moves at
perhaps 15 m.p.h. (speed of a heavy
tank) and the later stages at up to
30 m.p.h. (speed of a light tank).

This compares with the tempo of
the last war, which depended in all
stages on the 2 m.p.h. of the trans-
porting soldier.

The possible depth of an attack in
those days depended on the physique
of the footslogger. Now it depends
on the refuelling of petrol-driven
vehicles.

AND that might be the real
problem before the Ger-
man generals. Their mechanised
forces might after a few hours be
stranded with empty petrol tanks.
Could those tanks be filled?

In any case, nobody need suppose
that an attack on the Western Front
could ever be a repetition of the
Polish cake-walk.

The Allied Command is well aware
of the German theories of war, and
no doubt, has its plans ready. Ger-
man losses would be horrifying. But
it is just as well to get rid of the
idea that the Maginot Line cannot,
in any circumstances, be broken.
And that if we lose it we lose all.

For two reasons Hitler might, in
the spring, decide to gamble on an
attack on the Line:—

(1) Psychological effect, especial-
ly in France.
(2) Command of the Lorraine iron
ore fields.

"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

NOMADS CAUSE LEAGUE SURPRISE

FINNISH SPORTSMEN AT THE FRONT

HELSINKI, Feb. 20 (UP).—Finnish heroes in the realm of sport who in normal times this month would have been contesting for Olympic honours at Garmisch-Partenkirchen to-day were heroes of war stories appearing in the newspapers here.

Kalle Jalkanen, long distance ski champion, Tekka Niemi, Arne Valkama, Bino Leno, and Pekka Vanninen, other champions, were featured in the stories.

Jalkanen, while returning from the northern Finland front, obtained permission and proceeded to the Mannerheim front where he met his friendly rivals. All of them wanted to be in the same corps for comradeship and to maintain uniformity and act as speedsters when necessary.

Jalkanen was wounded when leading a ski expedition behind the Russian lines. Some of his fingers of his right hand are still crippled, but he has learned to use his automatic pistol with his left hand and thus he is not worried about getting away to a bad start.

RANDOM JOTTINGS

"Y" Ladies must have felt pleased at the defeat of St. Andrew's. They have again regained the Cner Clark Cup for the fourth successive year—a very splendid record indeed. This season they have played 10 games, won 8, lost one and drew one with 37 goals to their credit and only 7 against them. This goes to prove the strength of their attack and defence. I must once again congratulate Mrs. O. Burnett on her team's success.

Mrs. Dudley, formerly Miss A. Fowler, the well-known Interporter and "Y" Ladies left-back, arrived in the Colony from Penang last Saturday.

Whilst the Khalsa team were engaged in a friendly game against the Police last Thursday, Gurbachan Singh, the triple Interporter and star Radio inside-right, collided with an opponent and dislocated his right collar-bone. He was immediately removed to hospital, and the accident, which is of a serious nature, will keep him out of the game for at least a month.

WINDSOR LAD FIT AGAIN

Windsor Lad, £50,000 winner of the 1934 Derby and St. Leger, whose life was for a time despaired of, has recovered, and will resume stud duties next season.

This announcement was made recently on behalf of a company with which the horse was insured.

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His return to the stud will shortly be publicly notified in racing publications.

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Champions Defeated: Defence Superior In Second Half

At Caroline Hill last Sunday, Nomads caused a major surprise when they inflicted a severe defeat on the Radio and Postal Sports Club by 5-2. The home team led 2-1 at the interval. The Radio goals were in a sense contributed to by the Nomads' defence, but there was no doubt about the latter's superiority in the second half when they simply swamped the champions' defence to score four times without reply.

Nomads opened their account through R. J. Reed in the first half, and though the scorer did well at inside-right, the forwards did not pull together and their chief weakness was in attack. A complete change took place in the second half when positional changes were made. R. J. Reed occupied his usual berth as pivot, H. Gubbay shifted to left-half and J. Franco was seen at inside-right.

IT was soon observed that the left flank of attack with B. Xavier and Peter Rull was more progressive than the right, Rull no doubt being the most effective forward on view. S. A. Reed led his forwards brilliantly and Franco, on his right, also rendered good support. Goals were also scored by J. Franco (2), S. A. Reed and P. Rull.

On the other hand, the visitors' defence was magnificent. The splendid anticipation and intelligent interception of R. J. Reed at centre-half took all the sting out of the home inside trio. A. Xavier, right half, was also an inspiring figure and seldom did wrong when tackling. It was a very sound left back and F. Soares, in goal, never played better. It was a fast game and my congratulations to the winners on their splendid victory.

RADIO, by fine team work, deserved their 2-1 lead at half-time and it was rather unfortunate that J. S. Grevall, the left-back, received a nasty hit on the ankle which made him a passenger for three-quarters of the game. M. H. Hassan, their brilliant pivot, took the field with a high temperature and completely collapsed in the second half.

Early in the game, the Radio forwards showed better combination, but when their opponents equalised and later took the lead, J. Pinto, at inside left, was inclined to be selfish and Avner Singh, as leader, was too slow for words. However, the Gurbachan-Karminder Singh right-wing combination was the bright spot in the attack and proved a source of great trouble to the opposite defences. Gurdial Singh was the best wing-half, but Jaggeet Singh was far below form whereby he threw extra responsibility on Grevall who played a lone game at right-back.

Though beaten five times, U. B. Souza in goal made some brilliant saves, and it must have been tough luck on him to witness the collapse of his defence.

Nomads' speed on the ball completely bewildered the Radio defence who, on form, might have at least made a draw of it. However, the champions fought gallantly in the second half, but were no match for the winners, who displayed no weak link. Indeed, the champions have been made to appear so mediocre.

St. Andrew's Hopes Shattered By C.B.A.

NOT for many a long day have C.B.A. served up such exhilarating hockey as they did against St. Andrew's last Saturday. The Saints were outclassed in all departments with the possible exception of Miss J. Hall in goal. She was the only one who saved her side from utter rout. Her position behind a defence which had no power to counteract was unenviable and the C.B.A. score might easily have been greater.

A pleasing feature was the better understanding in the winners' attack and the brilliant display of Mrs. M. White and Mrs. Willmott in the last line of defence.

Rugby Football

CLUB "A" DEFEAT WEAK NAVY FIFTEEN 12-6 AT HAPPY VALLEY

(By "Fly-half")

CLUB turned out a fairly strong "A" side against a Navy XV, which included many Australians, at Happy Valley yesterday and won by 12 points (three tries and a penalty goal) to 6 (a penalty goal and a try). Both sides were one short, packing seven forwards, whilst D. Hynes, of Club, played for Navy as inside-three.

The game was featured by good touch kicking, with the Navy team excelling in this department, especially Paul and Hammond. If anything, the Navy side overdid their attempts

at dropped goals, and often were slow in making up their minds whether to attempt a drop or not. Delayed back movements resulted.

Paul strove hard with the few opportunities he got, and apart from D. Hynes, was the only Navy three to go hard when immediately in possession. King was an earnest worker in the Navy pack, being prominent in the lineouts and in the loose. He was ably supported by Stockholm and Palmer. Bowden was a nippy scrum-half who fed his outside well.

Richardson and Walkden, Club forwards who played in the back division yesterday, were the most dangerous of Club's backs, being successful in break-a-way. Day was quick to follow up, and used his speed to advantage. Lavalle, though injured midway through the first half, held his own.

PROFIT BY MISTAKE

ROSCOE made only one bad mistake when he fumbled a kick ahead by Navy, and allowed them to follow up and score. Thomson, playing at fly-half for Club, was soon to best advantage in defence, where he weaved his way up-field to find good touches. In attack he satisfied himself by passing out.

Club forwards who showed up well were Dunnitt hooking, Macrae, Stout and Taylor in the lineouts, and Macrae and Wanklyn in the loose.

Thomson scored Club's only first half try. Macrae failed to convert, but he made amends by kicking a splendid goal before the interval.

After the interval, Richardson and Macrae scored good tries. Macrae and Taylor failed to convert, but Navy reduced their deficit by a penalty goal kicked by Paul, and then a try by Stockholm. Paul failed to convert.

The teams were:
Club—Hynes, Lavalle, Day, Walkden, Richardson, Thomson, Treasurer, Wanklyn, Dunnitt, Macrae, A. J. G. Taylor, King, Stout, Stokes, Simpson, G. Ladd, Navy—Shell, D. Hynes, Paul, Reid, Addis, Hammond, Bowden, Palmer, Davis, Inglis, Klyn, Sykes, Bruce, Stockholm.

FORWARDS TOO SLOW

Three times in the first half the Saints were through and they should have made greater use of their opportunities. The forwards were either too slow or hurried in their finishing. A gentle hint was included in my notes last Thursday to play Miss B. Longbottom at right-wing and Miss F. Wong at right-inside but this was ignored, and Miss M. Churn was again brought in at inside-right.

When she proved a total failure, she was never up with the rest of the line and consequently Miss Wong on the wing suffered from lack of support.

So far as intermediate play was concerned, there was no comparison between the two teams. C.B.A. were far and away superior and their work in midfield was more spectacular. The backs, Miss G. White and Miss M. Roza were weak with their clearances and slow in tackling. St. Andrew's will consider themselves very unfortunate to be beaten, but they had only themselves to blame. Better luck next year.

INTERPORT TRIAL TEAMS CHOSEN

THE FIRST interport hockey trial will be held on Sunday on the Club ground at 10.30 a.m. when the Colours will oppose the Whites. Players are requested to take coloured and white shirts as changes will be made at the interval.

The teams are:

Hockey Umpires Meet To-morrow

A meeting of the Umpires Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 6 p.m. to-morrow, when the adoption of the new short corner rule in all friendly games in the future will be placed before the Committee.

A larger Committee comprising of more than four members will also be proposed, and umpires and enthusiasts are cordially invited to attend.

Whites.—U. B. Souza (Radio); Data (Hajputana); V. C. Bond (Club); Hook (H.A.); W. A. Reed (Club); N. Whitley (C.B.A.); Shih Wall (Hajputana); Homburg (H.F.); Prilam Nath (Hajputana); Ziemann (Hajputana); (Kumaons); Parthab Singh (Kumaons).
Colours.—V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.); R. J. Reed (Nomads); J. Gonsalves (Recreo); T. Alves (Recreo); M. H. Hassan (Radio); Krishna Singh (Kumaons); S. G. Fowler (Club); P. G. Gommell (Navy); G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); Soares (Recreo).
The following are also requested to appear—Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); T. Lockhart; R. Marques; L. Buckley; E. Fowler; A. E. P. Guest.

Chinese R.C. Annual Meeting

Hard Courts To Be Built On New Ground

The annual meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club will be held on Sunday, March 10, at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse, when the Chairman will present his annual report and the accounts. Officials for the ensuing year will be elected and other business discussed.

During the past year the Club had 320 members, including two honorary members, 87 life members, 159 active members, and 72 absent members.

Due to the increased membership and a demand for more court allotments, a request was made to the Government for additional ground at the southern corner of the adjoining Queen's College sports ground, and this was granted to the Club. The Club has decided to construct three hard-courts in that area and it is expected that these will be ready early in the summer. Expenditure on this item will require \$5,000 and it is the intention of the Committee to raise the money through debentures with members.

The Club, through the Tsui Brothers, won the Colony Singles and Doubles tennis Championships and were also successful in the "A", "B" and "C" Divisions of the League, and the Mixed Doubles Division.

Although the additional ground allotted by Government passed into the hands of the Club in August of last year, Government Schools are still making use of the area for recreation purposes and will continue to do so until Chinese Recreation Club are ready to construct their hard-courts. It is understood that Government Schools, under the care of sports masters, will make use of the hard-courts during the mornings and at specially allotted times.

LINCOLNSHIRE AND NATIONAL CALLS-OVER

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The first official call-over for the Lincolnshire was made to-day as follows:

Quintet Maltre 9-1 offered; Vancross 100-8 offered 100-8 taken; Tiltan 12-1 o., 100-8 t.; Bompa-a-Daisy 100-8 o., 100-7 t.; Aldine, Golden Sovereign, Southport, Ticcacari 100-7; Hot Bun, Rose Town 100-8; Spiced 100-8; Time Step, Dary Dollite, Unclearch 20-1, all offered.

GRAND NATIONAL

The Grand National call-over prices were:
Symacthis 13-1 o., 14-1 t.; Air-gendios, Kilstar, Sterling Duke, Royal Danell 100-8 o.; The Professor 18-1 o., 20-1 t.; Lecygne 18-1 o.; Royal Mail, Workman, Black Hawk, Dominick's Cross and McMillan 20-1 o.; Old Ful 25-1 o., 25-1 t.; Rockquilla 25-1 t. o.; Venturone Knight 25-1 o.; 33-1 t.; Red Prince 33-1 t. o.

Badminton League Results

St. John's beat Kowloon in the B division of the Badminton League last night.
H. Eardley and B. Beaven lost to J. L. Mackay and A. L. Fisher 17-21, beat H. Kavan and T. A. Madry 21-10, beat A. Zimmern and J. Jones 21-6.
M. L. Smith and L. Wilson beat Anderson and Fisher 21-0, beat Kavan and Madry 21-19, beat Zimmern and Jones 21-9.
F. Kwok beat Anderson and Fisher 21-6, beat Kavan and Madry 21-4, beat Zimmern and Jones 21-1.

ST. ANDREW'S WIN

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Craigengower Teams For The Week-End

The following will represent Craigengower in League matches on Saturday:
First V. Army (away): E. Zimmern (Capt.), F. J. Hillmoria, A. H. E. Smith, A. K. Imail, E. A. Lee, H. Finch, W. H. Simpson, G. Souza, G. George, I. W. Randall.
Second V. R.C. (home): B. H. Franco (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. D. Harman, Lock, A. M. Omar, U. M. Omar, A. H. E. Smith, A. K. Imail, E. A. Lee, H. Finch, W. H. Simpson, G. Souza, G. George, I. W. Randall.

ON SUNDAY

The following will represent Craigengower in a match against the Volunteers at 11 a.m. on Sunday, at Happy Valley: E. Zimmern (Capt.), F. J. Hillmoria, A. H. E. Smith, A. K. Imail, E. A. Lee, H. Finch, W. H. Simpson, G. Souza, G. George, I. W. Randall.

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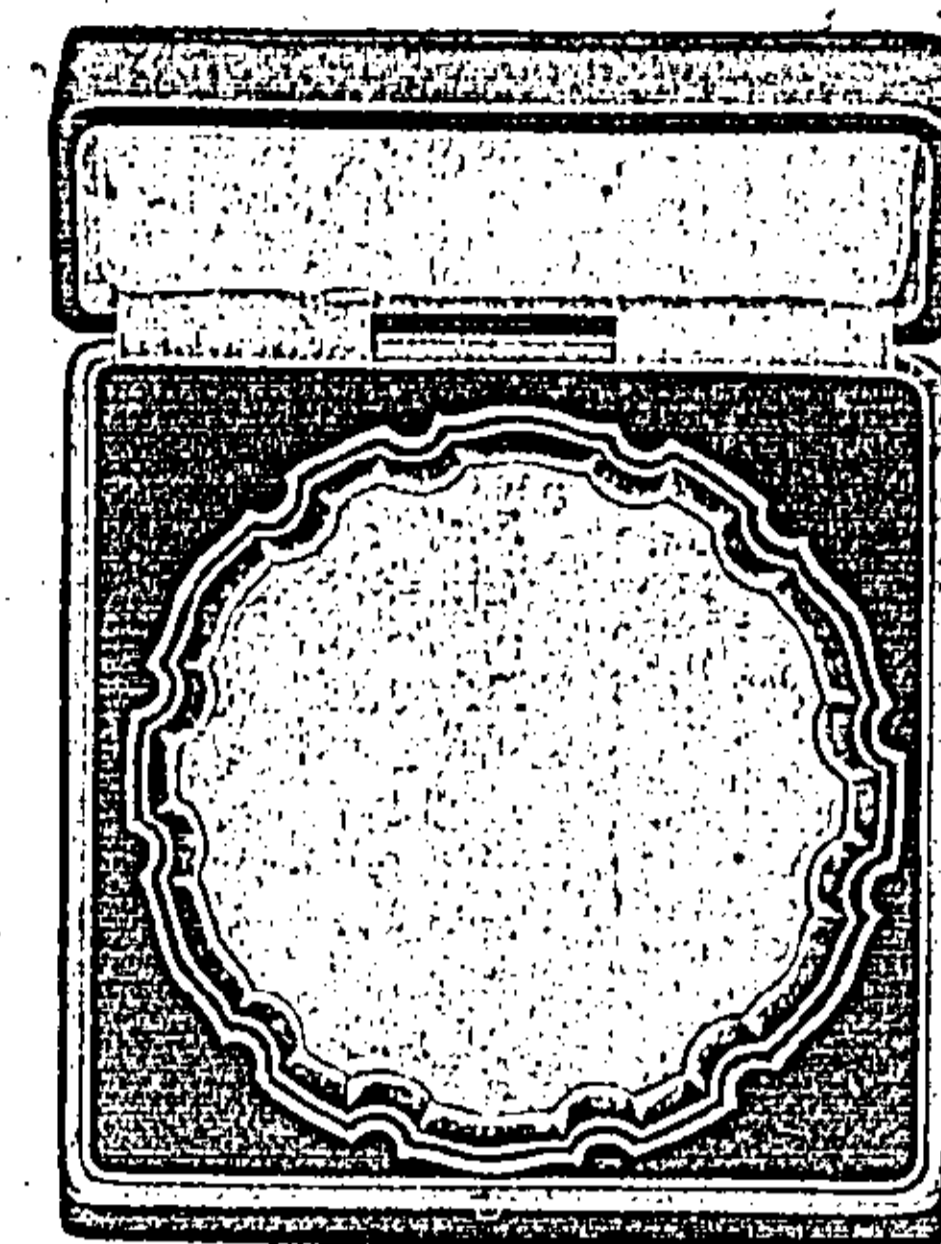
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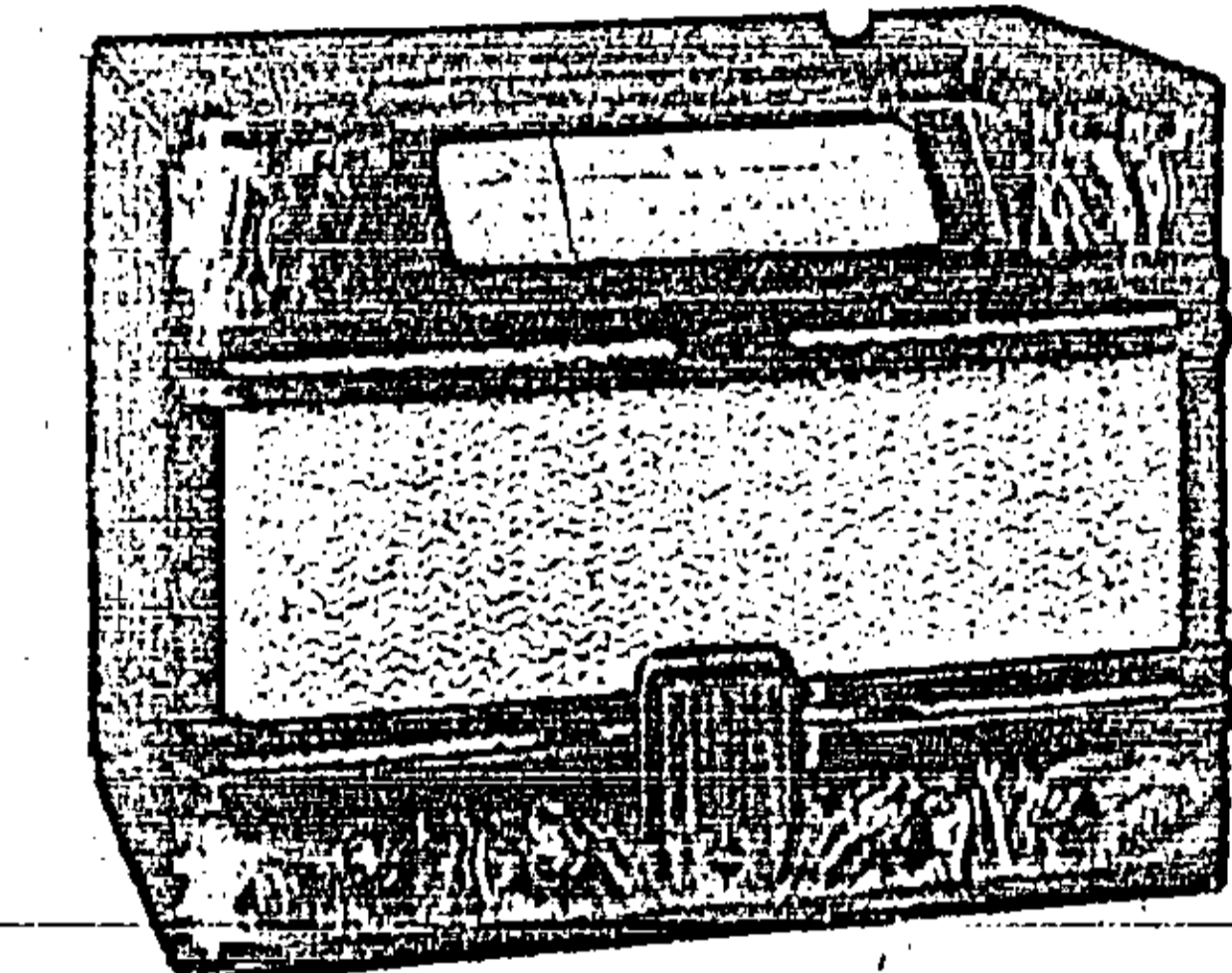
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BOOKS

All-talent Anthology

WRITERS cannot afford to be charitable as a rule. But three books issued this Christmas have been written and illustrated by men and women who have agreed to hand all or most of their royalties to deserving charities.

The best of them is called *Rose Window* (Helmman, 7s. 6d.). It is a book of short stories, poems and plays by such writers as Noel Coward, L. H. Myers, De La Mare, Priestley, Helen Simpson and many others. Coward's playlet "Star Chamber" and George Preedy's short play "The Last of Casanova" are brilliantly entertaining. This excellent anthology by 25 authors is issued on behalf of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

"THE QUEEN'S BOOK OF THE RED CROSS" (Hodder and Staughton, 5s.), is not so well got up, but it is equally full of free talent. Maschfield, A. E. W. Mason, Walpole, Daphne du Maurier, Arthur Wragg, Brangwyn, Edmund Dulac, Mabel Lucy Atwell, Ivor Novello, and almost anyone else you can think of.

THIRDLY, there is the "Brighter Blackout Book," by Howard Thomas (George Allen and Unwin, 5s.), published for the "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund. This has games, puzzles, bits out of books, sing-song programmes, pastimes, and altogether a lot of entertainment.

SCRAPPY reading of another kind is provided by Mr. George Rylands in a very fine and satisfying Shakespeare anthology entitled "The Ages of Man" (Helmman, 7s. 6d.). It has some 700 extracts, fits easily into the pocket, and is a treasure-store not only of continually surprising beauty, but also of entertainment. To guess what each extract is a quotation from. The sources are given at the end of this very lovely book.

FACTS AGAINST HITLER

NAZI propaganda in this country is well countered by a small three-penny booklet, *Hitter's British Dupes*, published by War Facts Press, 149, Fleet-street, E.C.4. In this collection of "Fifty Facts," we have a scathing exposure of all that Hitlerian stands for—statement and

rebuttal, page by page, from Versailles to Mr. Chamberlain's latest declaration on war aims. Reference is also made to the "Communist Wobble," and the dangers of a false peace. This booklet is only about the size of a pocket, and can be carried about for ready reference in argument.

from other letters read, "I thank you most warmly for your wonderful column. I heard the name of my wife and I know that she is safe and sound." A mother writes that she has found her son, a brother that he has news of his sister, and so on. And these letters come from every neutral country in Europe from as far afield as Palestine, and even from enemy territory. This B.B.C. service is doing a great and kind work.

A typical letter reads, "Your messages giving the names of Polish refugees are rendering the most valuable service. A cousin of mine who is being interned in a camp in Hungary heard my name mentioned in your bulletin. He wrote a letter to me that he is alive in Hungary; it was a big joy to me."

Passages of their own race.

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She puts songbirds to shame

WE shall never hear the last of the complaint that singers may have the voices of nightingales but too often have the appearance of elephants.

One solution is to hear your opera at home. The current Parlophone list, for example, contains a complete opera, Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor."

The star in it is Lina Pagliughi, who is a charming woman, the possessor of a voice which has earned her the nickname of "Tetra-zini the Second," but as well as singing the scales with an ease and purity which would put any songbird to shame, she also turns the scale.

I personally think she is rather nice, but for the faddy opera-lover the difficulty can be avoided by getting these records which do her magnificent voice full justice.

The set (R 20454-55) also presents another splendid singer in Giovanni Malipiero. These records are grand entertainment. The music is not great, but is wonderfully shapely.

Two acceptable operatic records are a selection from "Madam Butterfly" (Parlo E 11423) and another one from "The Mikado" (H.M.V. C 3123).

There are a new Gligli (H.M.V. DA 1773), a new-old Caruso—they take his voice of old records and fit a new orchestral accompaniment—on H.M.V. DB 3503, and a splendid new disc by Bjorling, the young Scandinavian tenor (H.M.V. DB 3587). He sings a piece from "Maria," and the familiar "Fantasy" with "Thou Dwelling Chaste and Lowly."

Two young British singers maintain their bright reputations—Webster Booth with his singing of Handel's "Largo" (H.M.V. C 3123), and Oscar Nilzke, an ex-blacksmith from New Zealand, with a recording of "There'll Always Be An England" and "Land of Hope and Glory" (Parlo E 2718), in which the sheer nobility of his grand triumphs over the mushiness of the music.

Talking of singing, let me sing about talking. For I could become lyrical about John Gielgud's reading of a long set of English poems in a Columbia album (DB 138-9).

The poems range from Elizabethan times to the present day, and their beauty comes to life through Gielgud's lovely voice.

Stuart Fletcher

Arms and the Peer

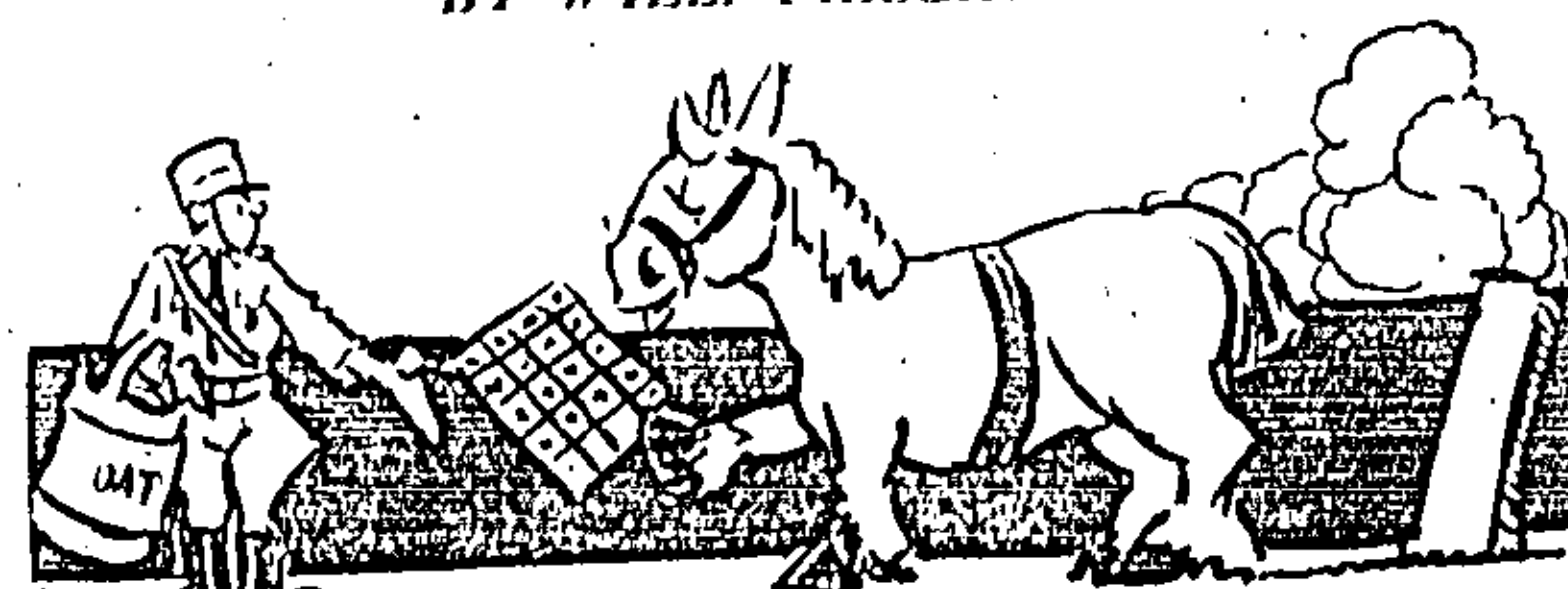
"GREAT BRITAIN'S determination to disarm after the war of 1914-18 was a point of honour. Unfortunately, the Treaty makers made it possible for other nations to arm and rearm."

That seems to be the key to Lord Rothermere's My Fight to Rearm Britain (Eyre and Spottiswoode, 5s.). But Lord Rothermere, as persistent a fighter for arms as his elder brother, Northcliffe, confesses that in his own mind he has never been easy about British disarmament.

And he insists that, whatever terms of peace are made, Britain must always be strong enough to prevent such reversions in future years.

INSIDE GERMANY

BY WILLI FRISCHAUER



RATION cards for horses, cattle and pigs are to be introduced immediately in Germany, according to an official announcement made yesterday in Berlin. T. H. (News with a Smiley) Palmer has drawn the above impression of life on the farm in Germany from now on.

PIGS are in the news in German-occupied Poland, too, for the entire pig population there is to be "liquidated."

Poland concentrated on a breed of pigs suitable for the British breakfast table, but their bacon is not liked in Germany. So the whole 7,500,000 of them are to be slaughtered and replaced by honest Teutonic porkers.

THE German rationing system for humans is undergoing almost daily changes. These are so carried out as to make it appear that the rationings are steadily increasing.

Yet a careful examination of the changes shows that though potatoes and some hitherto rationed vegetables are being forced on the public in increased quantities, the amount of rationed food-stuffs is becoming smaller every week.

By the end of this month an entirely new schedule of rationed foodstuffs and quantities available will be issued.

SPINACH, pudding with horse-radish sauce appeared among 40 new dishes exhibited at an experimental kitchen in Berlin. In this connection I reproduce the above cartoon from "De Groene," Amsterdam. It is called "Blessings of Neutrality," and Holland seems to be getting the worst of it. But Mr. Chamberlain, in the guise of Popeye the Sailor, is holding the tin labelled "Stronger blockade Spinach." Berlin is too late with its spinach pudding now.

COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

LIFE IN A BRITISH INTERNMENT CAMP

(Continued from Page 6.)

men buy from the canteen at the rate of about 10 a day.

For their benefit they have formed a committee to pool library books, lend money to comrades in need, represent their interests, and report any serious complaints to the commandant. So far there have been none.

SEVERAL Germans who have passed on to other camps, or have been subsequently released from internment, have proffered most courteous thanks for their treatment. One or two used to go around giving the Nazi salute in a luke-warm fashion, and "Heiling" sotto voce, but they have dropped all this ridiculous pantomime now, and some indeed take great pains to return all gestures with an ordinary British salute.

Each day starts early. Reveille is at 7.00 a.m. and by roll-call 45 minutes later the men must be washed, dressed, and have tidied up their beds.

There are technical punishments for slackers, but to the credit of internees there has not yet been any. Certain men are given leave of absence from roll-call on a doctor's ticket, but the general health level of the charges since being in the camp is most satisfactory.

Breakfast at 8.30 nearly always consists of a pint of tea, a large chunk of new bread (baked in the camp's own ovens), a meat pie or bowl of porridge, and a big pat of margarine. You certainly wouldn't call this prison diet.

THERE are light fatigues after breakfast—dusting, tidying up, but no scrubbing or rough work—and at 10.30 there is the morning's camp inspection by the Commandant himself.

There is not a military parade. The Colonel, usually has a cheery word here and there, and then the internees split up for their morning exercises. They are free to talk as much as they like, but, of course, if any heated political arguments were to develop it would be the guards' duty to break up the party.

Dinner is served at 12.30—menu usually being meat pie, hush or fish, followed by fruit pie and a pint of cocoa, with bread and margarine.

Tea at 4.30 is the last official meal of the day—it is really a light supper—but the men have formed their own little canteen (no alcoholic drinks, of course), and over sweets and cigarettes talk about the days that used to be, and the future that may be.

Time will begin to hang heavily on their hands after a few more months of war, but at present most of the men read, borrowing books from the camp library.

L. O. Manners.

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SPY STORY AS "NAZI FACT"

A spy novel of the last war has provided Goering with documentary evidence of the "crimes" committed by the British Intelligence Service. Under the heading, "Confession of a British Agent," his newspaper, the National Zeitung, prints as fact one of the more colourful episodes in Somerset Maugham's tale "Ashenden."

"The Munich attempt and the numerous acts of sabotage during the past few weeks in Rumania and Yugoslavia have drawn attention to the British Secret Service in a manner which it must find very unwelcome," says the newspaper. "Yet there is no lack of books about this secret organisation of criminals. For among those who have taken part in it there are not a few who are actually proud of their criminal activities."

"One of these is the English author, Somerset Maugham, who, in a book called 'Ashenden,' discloses 'some experiences of a very insignificant member of the Intelligence Department.' Among these experiences is a murder—in which, incidentally, the wrong person is killed by mistake—and an act of sabotage by which a factory in what was then Austria Galicia was blown up, causing the death of many workmen."

"The National Zeitung adds that the 'report of this latter incident is of special interest in view of the similar crimes recently committed in the Balkans. There follows an extract, occupying nearly half a page, describing an interview between Ashenden and a Polish agent."

"Ashenden" was published in 1928. The story has been made into a film under the title of "Secret Agent."

Badges for Troops

Gen. von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, has instituted a new decoration, to be known as the "assault badge." It will be awarded to non-motorised infantry of all ranks who distinguish themselves in attacks.

The corresponding decoration for armoured units will be the "armoured car badge."

War Tax on Wages

As a concession to wage-earners, the German Finance Minister, Herr Funk, has decreed that overtime pay shall no longer be liable to the special war surtax. This is, however, still levied on all basic wages of £4 weekly and above. In addition, ordinary income-tax is payable on both wages and overtime pay.

A worker earning 60s. weekly pays 7s. income-tax and 2s. 6d. super-tax. Where overtime pay is earned, income-tax rises steeply. A labourer whose basic wage is 50s. a week pays 10 per cent. in tax. If he earns an extra 8s. for working on a holiday or at night, this is taxed at the rate of 18 per cent.

Old Shoes Collected

Collections of old shoes and other discarded leather articles are being organised throughout the Reich. The Berlin correspondent of the Geneva newspaper, L'Avant, reports that a new process has been devised for making a leather substitute, which must, however, contain a certain proportion of the genuine article.

Europe Up-to-Date

Purchasers of a new atlas just published in Germany are disappointed

THE King, in a special list of awards issued as a supplement to the "London Gazette" gives recognition to courage, endurance and devotion to duty shown by officers and men of the Royal Navy in the war at sea.

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The King has made the submarine Ursula the proudest of his fighting craft for the awards received by her complement (already announced but now officially gazetted) make them, by comparison, the most decorated in the Fleet.

Twelve names of Ursula men appear in the list—those of the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Commander G. C. Phillips, two lieutenants and seven ratings—who are decorated, and of a sub-lieutenant and a chief petty officer, who are mentioned in despatches.

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Penetrating the Heligoland mine-field known as "Hitler's cunibeg patch," she crept to the mouth of the Elbe and there sank a cruiser of the Kohn class.

Six enemy destroyers screened the cruiser, but the Ursula dived beneath them, got a periscope sight of her victim and fired two torpedoes.

Destroyer Attacks Evaded

After skillfully evading attacks by four of the destroyers, the submarine rose impudently to the surface, and through her periscope saw two of the screening ships apparently searching for survivors.

There was no sign of the cruiser. Altogether, 200 names appears in the list.

Men in minelayers are decorated "for untiring energy, zeal and devotion to their arduous duty."

Others of the Nelson breed gain awards with the official tribute: "For undaunted courage, steadfastness, resource and resource in saving ships and life at sea in the face of peril and adversity."

Men who well earn their danger money in minesweepers, and others who fight Nazi underwater pirates, are gazetted for "unfailing courage, endurance and resource in their hard and perilous task of sweeping the seas clear of enemy mines and combating submarines."

"For Cheerful Endurance"

Awards gained in ships conveying Britain's foodstuffs are accompanied by these words: "For faithful devotion to the hazardous duty of

to find that the boundaries of the Fatherland do not extend beyond Bohemia and Moravia. The publishers have promised to send them, free of charge, a supplementary map showing the new eastern frontier.

"An atlas is an indispensable reference book for every German," says the Koelnischer Zeitung's reviewer, "more especially in these times, when nations are in motion to remove old political injustices and thereby to wipe out potential sources of conflict which have always been inimical to peace."

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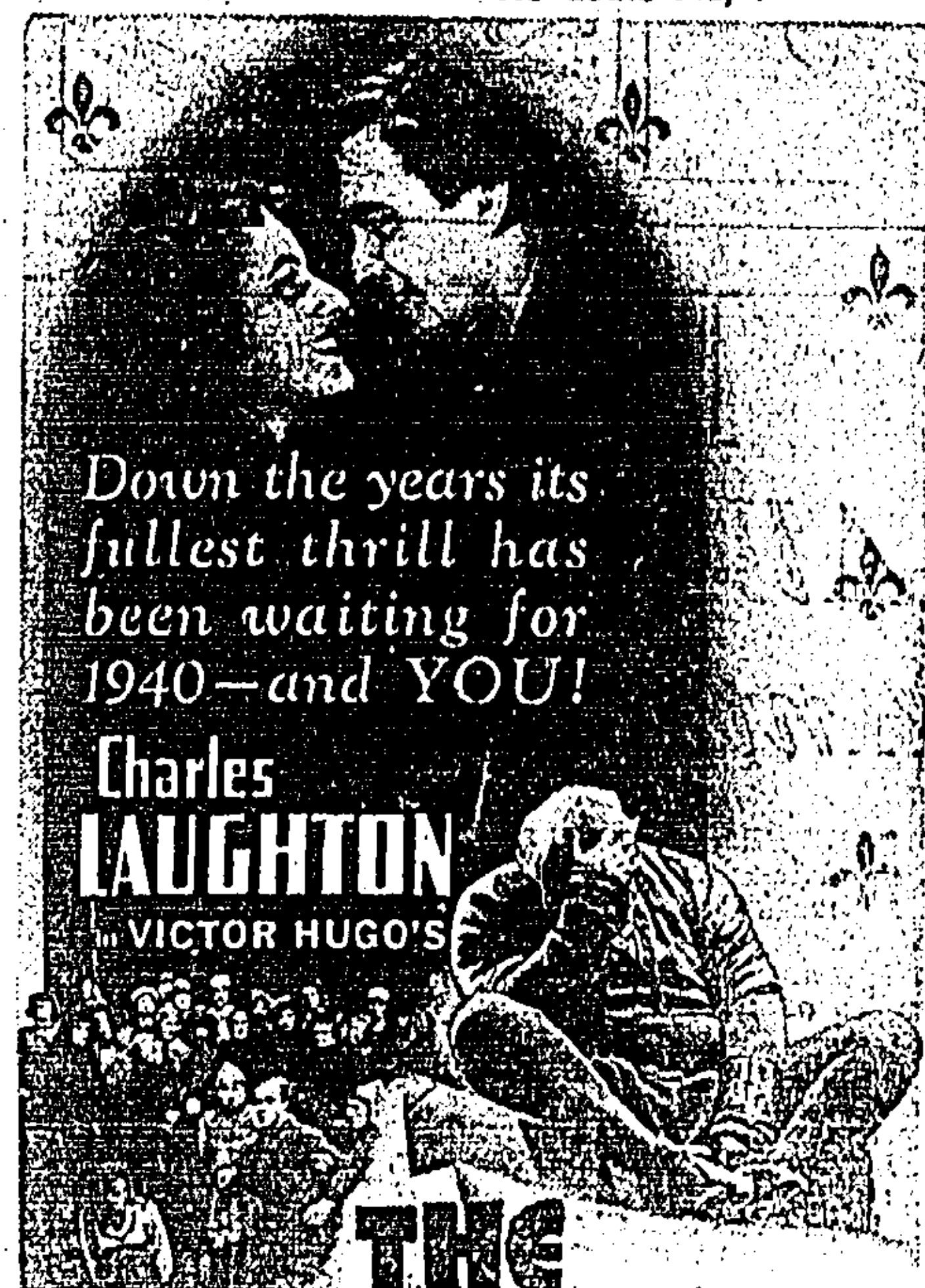
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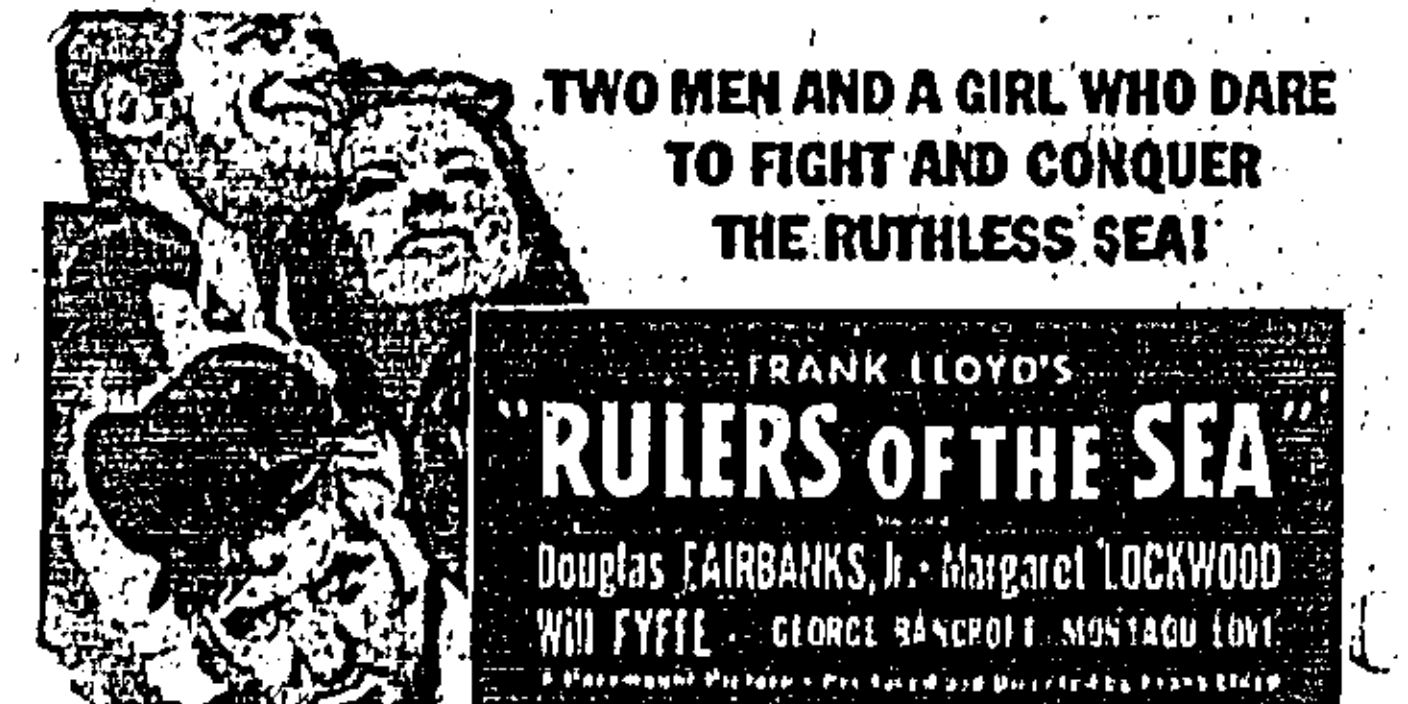
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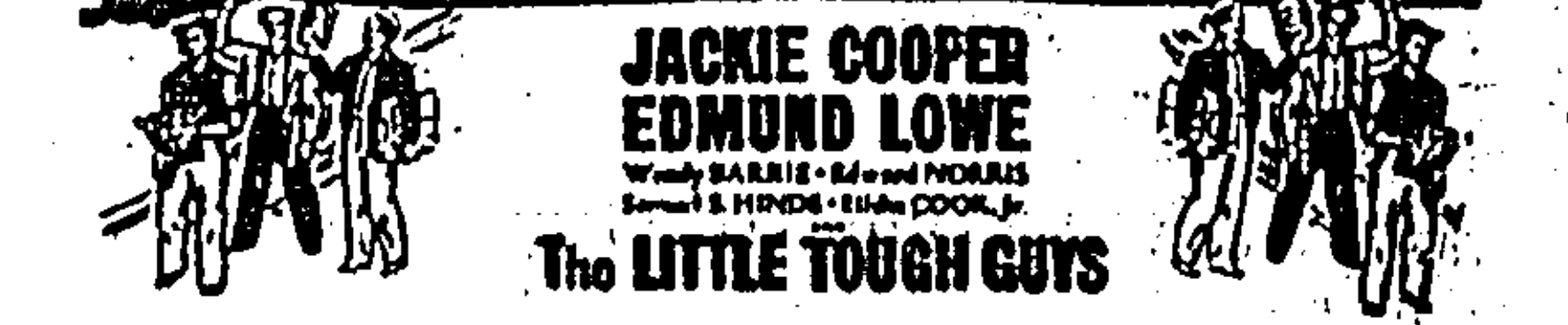
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GREAT BATTLE RAGES FOR RUINS OF FINNS' SECOND BIGGEST CITY

THE DIGGERS LEAVE FOR EGYPT



HERE IS THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH published in Hongkong of the Diggers—men of the 2nd Australian Expeditionary Force—embarking in Melbourne for Egypt. The Digger uniform is somewhat different to that worn by the Anzacs during the last war. Air Force Blue has been substituted for khaki, puttees have been abandoned and the famous plumed hat replaced by a balmoral. But, despite these changes, the Digger still sticks to his cocked hat, which he carries over his shoulder and will wear during Active Service in Egypt and Palestine.—Domei.

Teheran To Hongkong—Mostly On Foot

PARSEE'S AMAZING ADVENTURE

A SHANGHAI-BORN PARSEE who, determined to offer his services to China, set out to walk to Hongkong from far-off Teheran arrived in the Colony this week, foot-sore and weary.

He has travelled almost the entire distance overland. The young patriot is named Belochi. He was born in Shanghai 26 years ago, and was sent to Teheran by his parents just before war broke out between China and Japan.

Early in 1938 a friend wrote him a lengthy account of the war and he determined to return to offer his services to China.

But his father, a carpet merchant in Shanghai, refused to permit him to leave Teheran, and would advance no money for his passage.

Decided To Walk

Belochi decided to walk overland. He tramped to India, encountering considerable hardships en route.

From India he climbed the tortuous mountains into Tibet.

Two days after his arrival in Lhasa he was arrested for entering monastery grounds and was thrown into prison.

But he became friendly with a number of the lamas, and was able to prevail upon them to intercede for him.

After several weeks in prison he was released and deported back to Afghanistan, where he remained, because of ill-health, for several months.

Sets Off For Hanoi

As soon as he recovered his health he set off again and walked to Calcutta. From there he was able to receive a free passage to Hongkong. Belochi remained in the Colony for only 36 hours. He set off on foot again yesterday—for Hanoi.

From there he hopes to hitch-hike his way by motor truck to Chungking. But if he can't get a lift, he'll walk.

Coal Mine Disaster

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Feb. 28 (UP).—Twenty persons have been killed and 100 injured in a gas explosion in a coalmine at Arsa.

It is feared that other victims are buried in the wreckage.

(That Other Man) GOEBBELS LETS IT RIP—

THIS TIME WE WILL MAKE A FINAL END TO PLUTOCRATIC TYRANNY

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Addressing a meeting at Muenster to-day, Dr. Goebbels declared that the German nation was now united for the first time in history.

The very existence of a united German nation has been regarded as a challenge by the plutocratic Powers of the west. The German nation is well aware that the present war is a war of life or death.

"Escape is not possible yet," said Dr. Goebbels. "We know our own means very well, but we also know our opponents' means."

"We Do Not Care"

"We do not care if our opponents base their judgment of Germany on the opinion of Jewish refugees, nor if they make mad war aims with a view to the utter destruction of the German nation."

"Their efforts to swerve Germany by propaganda will be as futile as their efforts to swerve it by blockade. Germany has rendered the blockade for a greater part ineffectual."

Dr. Goebbels said that the German military organization was the best that had ever existed. It was determined, and able, at the Fuehrer's

command to bring the war to a victorious end. Every German was determined to stake everything to bring the struggle to a successful conclusion.

"We are well aware what would happen to us if it should be possible to defeat us," he said. "This time the German nation will make a final end of the plutocratic world tyranny."

Dr. Goebbels extolled the part played by Nazi Party officials in the war. Ninety-five per cent. of all Hitler youths were in the army. Four hundred of them were killed in the Polish operations.

Most Favourable Conditions
"We are waging the war under the most favourable conditions. Our PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

SOVIET ATTEMPT TO DRIVE ALONG GULF OF FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, FEB. 28 (REUTER).—A GREAT BATTLE FOR THE DESERTED AND SHELL-WRECKED TOWN OF VIBORG HAS BEEN RAGING ALL DAY.

WHILE THE FINNISH ARTILLERY HAS BEEN POUNDING THE RUSSIANS ROUND THE BAY OF VIBORG THEIR NEWLY-ARRIVED FOREIGN WARPLANES HAVE BEEN MAKING INTENSIVE BOMBING RAIDS ON THE RUSSIAN LINES.

Bombs which were dropped on the ice hurled tanks, guns and men into the icy waters beneath.

Because of the more easily defended nature of the ground, experts in Helsingfors have little doubt that the Finnish forces at Viborg will continue to hold out.

To-night there was a considerable rise in the temperature which gives hope that the weather may come forward and hamper the Soviet onslaught.

WEATHER IMPEDES RUSSIANS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
KIRKENAES, Feb. 28 (UP).—Little activity continues in the Petsamo region where the Russian air force's action has been stopped by cold-weather, the thermometer showing 20 degrees below zero (Centigrade).

The Russian troops have not yet taken advantage of the Finnish retreat and the advanced Russian positions are reported to have not yet made a move to the south. Any attempt to do this is hampered by snow and the rough terrain.

Finnish patrols have been active in the vicinity of their previous positions at Hoeynsen-jaervi thus enabling their artillery to find the change of Russian positions.

It is expected that the Russians will continue their attempts to advance to the south in order to eventually reach the Gulf of Bothnia.

Reds Hammer At Viborg
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The fighting in Finland is heaviest in the Viborg area at the moment. One report says that the Soviets have brought two fresh Soviet divisions up into action.

They made a terrific attempt to reach Viborg but the Finns say that they are firmly entrenched in positions taken up a week ago.

The Finns too have brought up reinforcements, some of them being foreign volunteers.

Soviet claims that they have taken more positions are denied.

Russians' Heavy Losses
On the contrary the Russians have suffered heavy losses.

The loss of the fortresses of Kolviisto does not seem to have made much difference to the Finnish position so far.

There are as yet no signs that the fortress, which was dismantled by the Finns before they withdrew, is being used against the Finnish defences.

The Soviet bombing on Tuesday has decreased somewhat.

Hango is again the chief object of attack but so far only one casualty has been reported.

Meanwhile Finnish aeroplanes are busy and are reported to have attacked a Soviet air base and munitions dump far behind the Soviet lines.

Kermitt Roosevelt To Lead Volunteers
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Major Kermitt Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt and relative of President Roosevelt, has decided to apply for permission to resign his commission in the British Army to lead international volunteers to Finland.

Peace Hopes Fading

Welles' Mission Appears Doomed To Failure

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 29 (UP).—Hopes that Mr. Sumner Welles' Mission would lay the foundation for peace negotiations are rapidly fading as evidently inspired articles appear in all German newspapers, furiously denying reports that Hitler has even considered making a peace offer.

The papers unanimously reiterate that the destruction of the British Empire is the sole German war aim.

"Germany, out of conceit of peace, harmony and goodwill among nations only when that tyrant is done away with everywhere in the world," declares the "Diplomatische Korrespondenz."

Disappearance of British tyranny is a pre-requisite to the freedom of the seas and the making good of injustices hundreds of years old.

"This terror must be broken."

Nazi Denials

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Feb. 29 (Domei).—Rumours that Hitler will present a three-point peace formula to Mr. Sumner Welles, the U.S. Under-Secretary of State are denied in official Nazi circles.

There can be no doubt, they state, that Hitler will reject any plan designed to make the Allied war aims a basis for peace negotiations.

On the contrary, Hitler will affirm that Germany will continue fighting until the Allies capitulate to his demands.

It is believed that these demands envisage German hegemony in central and southern Europe and the return of former German colonies.

No Special Conversations

ZURICH, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—It is understood that the purpose of Mr. Sumner Welles' stop in Zurich was merely to give him a pause for rest.

HONGKONG STEAMER RESCUES 13 MEN

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Homeward bound from the Far East, the Hongkong-built Glenorchy passed through a large patch of oil floating on the water.

She was on her maiden voyage, after her launching at the Taikoo Docks in Hongkong.

Half an hour later, Captain William Christie of the Glenorchy sighted an open boat about 80 miles from the Spanish coast.

There were no signs of life in the open boat so the Glenorchy circled round and sounded her whistle.

"Immediately," Captain Christie said, "the boat came to life with hands and waving arms."

It contained the Captain, Chief Engineer and eleven men of the Dutch motor tanker Den Haag, 8,971 tons, which was lost on a voyage from New York to Rotterdam. The Den Haag was carrying 11,000 tons of oil products.

Lain Down To Die
The men, who were exhausted and starving after drifting for four days, had lain down to die.

Nothing is known of the fate of 28 other members of the crew of the Den Haag who took to two other boats.

FEB. 29—JOY DAY FOR MANY
A LOT of Hongkong people should be happy about to-day. It is Leap Year Day. Once every four years an extra day is tagged on to our calendars to make up for the time lost under the Gregorian system.

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Hundreds of thousands of people in Hongkong and elsewhere throughout the world will have their first birthday since 1936.

Girls can take full advantage of the traditional right which has been theirs ever since St. Bridget gave St. Patrick a squeeze on the banks of Lough Neagh.

Not A Dog's Chance

To-day should be a great day for proposals. Especially at Home in England. Last Leap Year Day there was a record for Leap Year proposals; 1940 should beat 1936 easily.

I wouldn't give a dog's chance to a bachelor soldier, sailor or airman whose leave from France began yesterday.

It should, on the whole, be a happy day for the Hongkong Government. Most of their expenditure is on a PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1890.
Miss Hissland took seventy-seven days to make the tour of the world and Miss Nellie Bly therefore beat her by four and a half days.

As will be seen from the half-yearly report of the Hongkong Hotel Company, in another column, the directors are extending the hotel premises to the Praya, which will more than double its capacity.

25 YEARS AGO

Below we give a full list of men who have volunteered from Hongkong and district for service at the front, and who have passed the authorities and left for Home—A. F. Briggs, C. C. Jorge, E. W. Evers, H. E. Victor, C. A. J. Wilkie, R. Hildgers, A. N. J. Gaudin, H. Forster, G. B. Lacey, W. Rogers, A. Hall, G. D. Procter, F. H. Coleman, F. Luber, Bateman, E. L. Bruga, W. Wilson, D. Hinkson, W. G. Golding, M. Griffin, G. H. May, J. H. May, M. Gumprecht, E. H. Bennett, A. P. Wilson, R. Goods, P. Sheen, F. V. Denn, A. Patton, A. A. S. Collins, C. R. Milne, A. McLean, R. N. Burton, J. Watt, G. Hudson, R. C. Ryder, J. E. Cooke, R. Beattie, J. T. Robertson, N. C. Chan, H. J. White, W. Ladd, R. H. Farley, W. M. Stevens, G. E. M. Olive, C. West, H. G. Dixey, A. D. Shewan, P. H. Chatham, G. K. Chatham, G. Powell.

10 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1930.
While it has been stated that there is little likelihood of Republic being proclaimed in Spain at this juncture, the political situation is becoming extremely critical and the establishment of a Republic is being actively discussed. The feeling against the Monarchy is undoubtedly growing, but for the time being it is doubtful whether the Republic is being actively discussed.

5 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1935.
Despite the fact that the Emperor of Abyssinia has written to the King of Italy and to Signor Mussolini, the Fascist Dictator, urging that Italy and Abyssinia's friendship be not spoiled by conflict over the frontier incidents at Ualul, 90,000 of his troops are massed on the Somali frontier.

It is expected that if the King of Siam formally abdicates his 11-year-old nephew, Prince Ananda Mahidol, will immediately be proclaimed king, with a Council of Regency acting until he reached the age of majority.

London Stock Market

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, Raffles moved up sharply late in the afternoon on the announcement of the South African Government's modification of its gold-mining policy. Home rails were firm on the Southern's dividend of 1½ per cent. on deferred ordinary stock. Gilt-edged securities recovered after an early inclination elsewhere and were mainly steady. Wall Street was firm.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. COCK,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

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His Excellency The Governor will perform the Opening Ceremony at 3.30 p.m.

All are cordially welcome.
Buses will leave the Peninsula Hotel for Taiipo at 2.00 and 2.15 p.m. and will return at 4.30 and 4.45 p.m.

Reservations must be booked beforehand at the Hongkong or Peninsula Hotel where tickets are obtainable at \$1 per Return Trip.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESAGERIES MARITIMES

Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk via Haiphong.
Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 6th March, 1940, or they will not be recognized.
Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.
Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Goods not cleared by the 4th March, 1940, will be subject to retention in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

Mexico To Pay Indemnity Oil Interests Split On Question

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—According to the newspaper, "Ex-Relier," Mexico is preparing to take the first step for a definite solution of the petroleum controversy by paying the Sinclair Petroleum Company an indemnity "in an immediate form" and in cash.

The announcement follows the recent statement by President Cardenas that the "oil crisis" will be solved satisfactorily for Mexico before the end of my term, "that is to say within the next eight months."

The amount mentioned as payable to the Sinclair Petroleum Company is \$7,000,000.

Local oil circles make no comment on the announcement which, if true, would indicate a split in the policy of the oil interests involved in the expropriation.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction

to be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at La Salle Road, Kowloon Tsai, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2746	La Salle Road, Kowloon Tsai, New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2746	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet	40,000	\$ 92	\$ 4,000
			as per sale plan.			

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
2	Inland Lot No. 5746	King's Road, South West of Inland Lot No. 2358	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet	40,000	\$ 92	\$ 4,000
			as per sale plan.			

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: There was less activity in the market during the short session.

H.K. Bank \$1,460	
Canton Ins. \$225	
Fires Ins. \$185	
Wharves \$103	
Hotels \$5.00	
Humphreys \$774	
Realities \$5	
Star Ferries \$674	
China Lights (new) \$5.20	
Sandakan Lights \$114	
Dairy Farms (old) \$22.10	
Watsons \$9.00	
Entertainments \$7.40	
Sellers.	
H.K. Bank \$1,400	
Docks \$23.00	
Hotels \$5.80	
Lands \$40	
Tramways \$18.35	
China Lights (new) 5½%	
Telephones (old) \$31	
Watsons \$9.80	
Sales.	
H.K. Bank \$1,470	
Providents \$4,950/25	
Tramways \$18.30/25	
China Lights (old) 8½%	
Electricity \$69/684	
Telephones (new) \$12/11.90	
Cements \$20.20	
Watsons \$9.00	
Manila Gold Shares.	
Atoks.	18 s
Antamok.	15 s
Baguio Gold.	20 s
Batong Buhay.	0.11 s
Big Wedge.	20 s

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
3	Rural Building Lot No. 434	Ty-lan Bay, Island Road.	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet	16,500	\$ 190	\$ 4,125
			as per sale plan.			

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4	Rural Building Lot No. 435	Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 427, Island Road.	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet	16,500	\$ 190	\$ 4,300
			as per sale plan.			

Internat'l Tin Agreement

British Interests Not Prejudiced By War

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Horabin asked Mr. Malcolm MacDonald if, in view of the fact that exports and stocks of tin are under the control of the International Committee, on which the countries still at peace have a majority vote, he will immediately invoke Clause 24 of the Agreement providing against a signatory country being prejudiced when at war.

Mr. MacDonald replied that he did not think that at present British interests were prejudiced by the continuance of the Agreement.

Coco Grove.	12½ s
Con. Mines.	0.030 s
Demonstration.	11½ s
East Mindanao.	10 s
I.L.L.	35 s
Ipo Gold.	10½ s
Iloron Mining.	20 s
Mambulao Con.	0.04 s
Mnsabate Con.	0.034 s
Mind. Motherlode.	10 s
Mine Operation.	10 s
North Canarring.	0.04 s
Paracale-Gumaus.	22 s
San Maricelo.	77 s
Surigao Con.	18 s
Suyoc Con.	12 s
Syndicate Inv.	0.23 s
United Paracale.	27½ s
Benguet Con.	5.03 s

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/211
Demand do.	1/211
T.T. Shanghai	350
T.T. Singapore	52½
T.T. India	103
T.T. Japan	62½
T.T. U.S.A.	24½
T.T. Manila	40½
T.T. Batavia	43½
T.T. Bangkok	150½
T.T. Saigon	103½
T.T. France	10.85
T.T. Switzerland	1074
T.T. Australia	1/63

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/34
4 m/s D/P do.	1/34
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25½
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/a India	1.64
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.924
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.944

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

H.K. Banks, S. X. D.	1,420 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	89 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	91 n.
Chartered	9 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. E.	31½ n.
Mercantile, C. E.	12½ n.
East Asia	77 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	225 b.
Union	407½ s.
China Underwriter	1 s.
H.K. Fire	105 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	105 b.
Steamboats	10½ n.
Indo-Chinas P.S.	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.S.	80 n.
Shell (Burmese) s/s	80/7½ n.
Waterboats	7½ n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	102½ b.
Docks	23½ s.
Providents	5/-4.05 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	43½ n.
MINING	
Kailan's	x.d. 18 n.
Rauha	10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3½ cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels	5.70 s.
Lands	40-s.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	18½ n.
Humphreys	13½ b.
H.K. Realities	5.5 b.
Chinese Estates	101 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	18.30/25 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	0.8 n.
Y. Ferries	20 n.
China Lights (old)	6.00 n.
China Lights (new)	5½ s.
H.K. Electric	68½ sa.
Macao Electric	21½ n.
Sandakan Lights	11½ b.
Telephones (old)	31 n.
Telephones (new)	12.10 s.
Tractions s/s	19/6 n.
Tractions (new) s/s	19/9 n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh.	14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh.	12 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	20.20 n.
H.K. Ropes	6.10 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	23.60 n.
Dairy Farms (new)	23.60 n.
Watsons	9.00 n.
Lane, Crawford	7½ n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	42 n.
Shal Cotton Sh.	170 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	0.05 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh.	40½ n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	7.40 n.
Constructions (old)	134 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	0.94 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925	
G. Bonds	50% p
H.K. Govt 4% Loan	100½ n.
H.K. Govt 3½% Loan	95½ n.
Morsmans (Lon.) s/-	14/0 n.
Morsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/- n.

Canadians To Run Gauntlet Through War Zone

MONTREAL, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—Some 120 Canadian ship officers and seamen are being recruited by two United States oil companies to sail their tankers through belligerent waters, reports the "Montreal Herald."

25% Wage Increase

Wages 25 per cent. above normal are said to have been offered. Recruiting in Canada results from the United States Government's restrictions to Americans trading in belligerent waters, the paper states. The companies concerned are said to be registering the vessels under Norwegian and Panamanian flags in order to continue shipping high-test acetone fuel to Europe.

ISTANBUL, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—The Turkish Government has taken over the entire control of the coal industry and hopes to increase the output by 350,000 tons yearly.



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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st February, Feb. 28.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 21st Feb. Feb. 28.</

By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

IT IS strange to see middle-aged women of determined aspect, the mothers of families, young women evidently not long married with painted lips and a permanent wave, tending an automatic machine in the crowded din of an armament works.

For thousands of women are working in factories in France. In most of them, I think, the wife was offered the job of her mobilised husband.

Many of them had never worked in a factory before, but I was told by various directors that they got into the way of it very quickly. I was not surprised, for after what I have seen I am ready to believe that the French woman can do anything she has a mind to.

But they have their homes to look after and their children to care for. In some factories they work only two weeks out of three, in others they are given every third day off, in either case with full pay, so that they should not lose touch with what after all are their essential interests and so that their children should run as little chance as possible of neglect.

It is grim to see this multitude of women occupied in making all manner of things to kill and maim the husbands and brothers of other women. In some work, the delicate and accurate work, for instance, that has to be put into making a

fuse, they are better than men. It is grim to see them so neatly painting and varnishing the cases of big shells.

It is grim to see them, rows and rows of them, at a factory of explosives making the bas in which powder is to be poured, and, when they are filled, tying them up into neat parcels or packing them into metal cylinders.



The Woman's Part In The War

moment. There are many who have set themselves, alone and obscure, to alleviate the distress, financial and moral, of their neighbours.

The Red Cross has founded 150 auxiliary hospitals, with nearly 20,000 beds, and has placed thousands of adequately trained nurses at the disposal of the authorities.

L'Union des Femmes de France sends parcels to the soldiers and has enrolled a host of women and girls to make jumpers, socks and scarves for the soldiers, but besides this, it has embarked upon two undertakings, one of which shows, to my mind, a touching thoughtfulness and of which the other peculiarly interests me as a professional writer.

MEN on leave, or transferred from one post to another, often arrive at a station where they have to spend the best part of the night before the train starts. They are tired and hungry, maybe wet through, and they have perhaps little money in their pockets. L'Union des Femmes de France offers them shelter.

A woman opens the door and invites the weary soldier to come in. He finds a warm room with

and it is heartening to know that the response has been great. The books are sorted and sent to the front to give a soldier a few hours of happy forgetfulness, to give him, perhaps, some new thought to ponder over and to bring into his monotonous life a little romance or a little laughter.

I said just now that I believed there was little French women could not do if they had a mind to. Here is a little story which might well serve as the theme for a success novel.

There is a factory where not only most of the employees, but also the owner, were young; they were called up and the factory closed down. But the owner's secretary, whom I know only as Mademoiselle B., could not bear to think that these busy works should stay idle and its many women employees thrown out of a job; so with feminine astuteness she pulled all the strings she could to get the factory requisitioned by the State, by which means work for National Defence could be secured. She was thus able to keep her women workers and because what the factory produces is of essential service, get such men as are necessary. The machines were set going again, and soon work was in full swing.

MADemoiselle B. is evidently a young woman of determination, for during the luncheon hour, lunch being served at a canteen, she has set the women to knit scarves, socks and sweaters of the employees of the factory who are mobilised. There is a fund to which each worker contributes a few sous so that little luxuries may be added to the parcels.

Mademoiselle B. must be a person of intelligence, energy and initiative; and of course the end of the story should be orange blossom and marriage bells; but whether she should marry the owner of the factory or a young son of toil who has returned from the front with the Croix de Guerre the reader must decide for himself.

There are vast numbers of women in France who are quietly doing obscure and humble tasks of which no one will ever hear.

There was a baker who made bread for the whole district and his wife with her handcart delivered it in the surrounding hamlets. He was called up, and since he was the only baker in the neighbourhood it would have been a poor look out for everyone if the wife had left behind had not set to work to make and bake the bread herself at night and deliver it as usual by day.

And so everywhere the women of France, with wonderful patience, with their sense of affairs and with fortitude, are in a large part maintaining the prosperity of the country.

IN rural districts they are looking after the horses and cattle that have not been requisitioned and getting the fruitful soil ready for next harvest.

Next door is a lavatory where he can wash his feet and put on a clean pair of socks; his own



INDIAN TROOPS

Cairo, Feb. 28. With artillery booming, Indian troops went into action in the desert to-day in a series of exercises which will last a month. The defending force, established in its field headquarters under date palms in the ruins of Memphis and Ben guns and field pieces were camouflaged with palm branches.

While the motorised enemy columns trying to destroy the canals and bridges of the Nile Valley advanced from the western desert, Jata, Rajputs, Punjabis and Hazarawals, cunningly hidden in the sandy gullies, guarded a 15-mile front. They had to wait the whole night watching with telescopes and waiting for the enemy in a silence broken only by the occasional howl of a jackal. One Indian was posted with a telephone at the summit of a pyramid.

The Indians thoroughly entered into the spirit of the exercises, which they treated as the real thing.

The British, New Zealand and Egyptian armies are also carrying out exercises, and large scale manoeuvres involving the combined armies are likely to be staged.

The friendliness of the troops of different nationalities strikingly demonstrates the Empire solidarity. The New Zealanders are mixing with the Indians and all are welcomed by the Egyptians in the Cairo bazaar. The Dominion troops salute the Indian officers with enthusiasm.

A half hour programme of Indian music is broadcast every night from Cairo for the benefit of the troops camped in the desert. A special club for Indian troops will be inaugurated on March 4 under the presidency of Lady Lampson, Reuter.

are washed and mended and passed on to another man. He gets a good sleep and a kindly woman wakes him when his train is due. He leaves rested not only in body but in spirit.

FOR months now the French soldier has had to stand the hardest possible trial to one of his ardent temper—he has had to wait; and his spirit craving for occupation demands reading matter.

L'Union des Femmes de France issued an appeal for this

vest; in the towns they are keeping the shops open and running their men's business.

Women are taking over the practice of the doctors who have been mobilised. In the schools women teachers have taken over the work of men teachers and uncomplicatedly added it to their own.

I will finish my article with one trifling observation I have made which seems to me somewhat curious.

Since the beginning of the war the hair of many of the women in France has been growing rapidly darker at the roots.

Whether this is due to the anxiety natural to the circumstances

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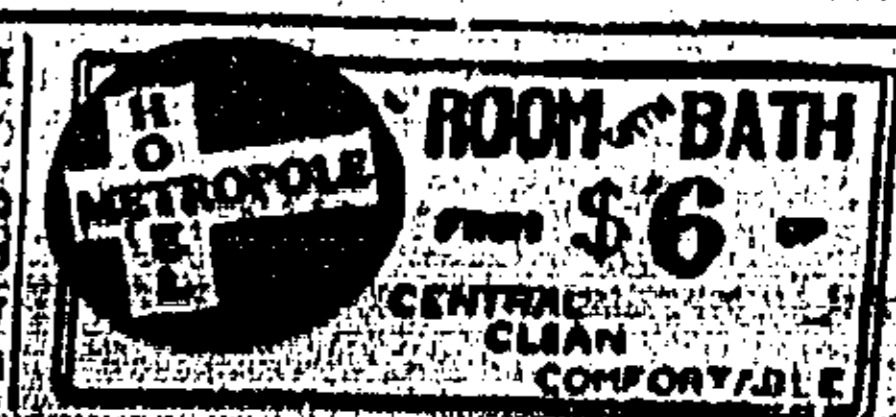
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- La Danza.
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- Smilin' through.
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- Largo. (Handel).
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- C2284 Mademo Butterfly. SelectionMarek Weber & Orch.
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- C2055 London Suite. (Coates)New Light Symphony Orch.
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or to some more obscure cause, I am not competent to say.

I will, however, hazard the surmise that if the war continues much longer there will be few blondes in France for gentlemen to prefer.



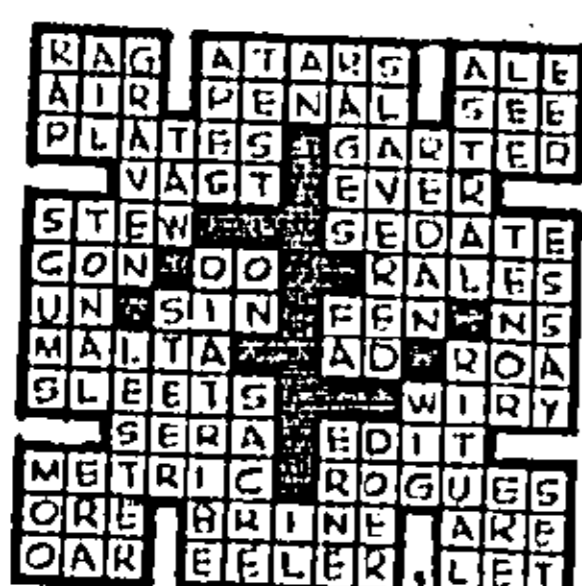
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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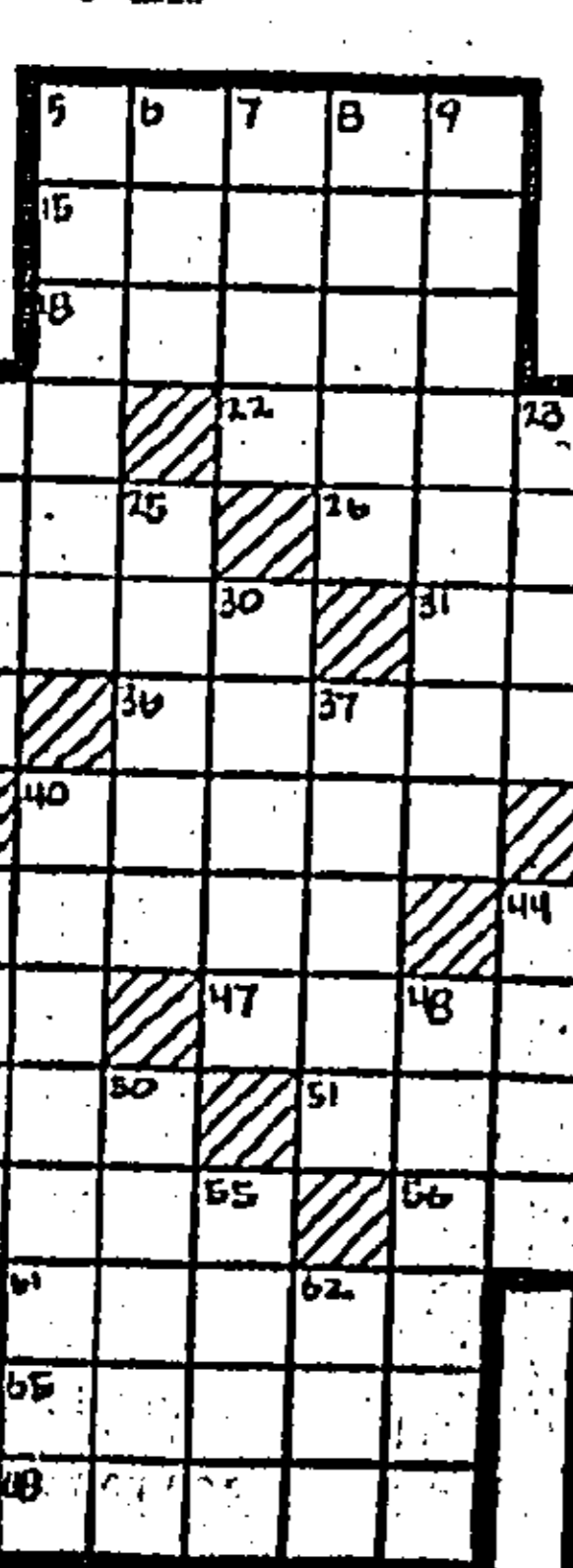
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- 3—Cobbler's tools
- 4—Famine of 1896
- 5—Brazilian palm tree
- 6—Clash
- 7—Image of worship
- 8—Ankle gaiters
- 9—Officer's helper
- 10—Lettuce of dilliman
- 11—Answered in kind
- 12—Recurve skis
- 13—Test
- 14—Accepted
- 15—Loaded
- 16—Organ of body
- 17—Upright
- 18—Tall
- 19—Grains
- 20—Scientific division of plant and animal life
- 21—Bridge
- 22—Custom
- 23—Kind of signal
- 24—Whaling is a ship
- 25—Whistle
- 26—Wing-shaped
- 27—Pole (tool)
- 28—Small chemical
- 29—Turned
- 30—Shining feet
- 31—Musical instrument
- 32—Tributary of Danube
- 33—To sheltered side



- 34—Red ashline dye
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Removal to Kowloon As from 1st March Shanghai Co.

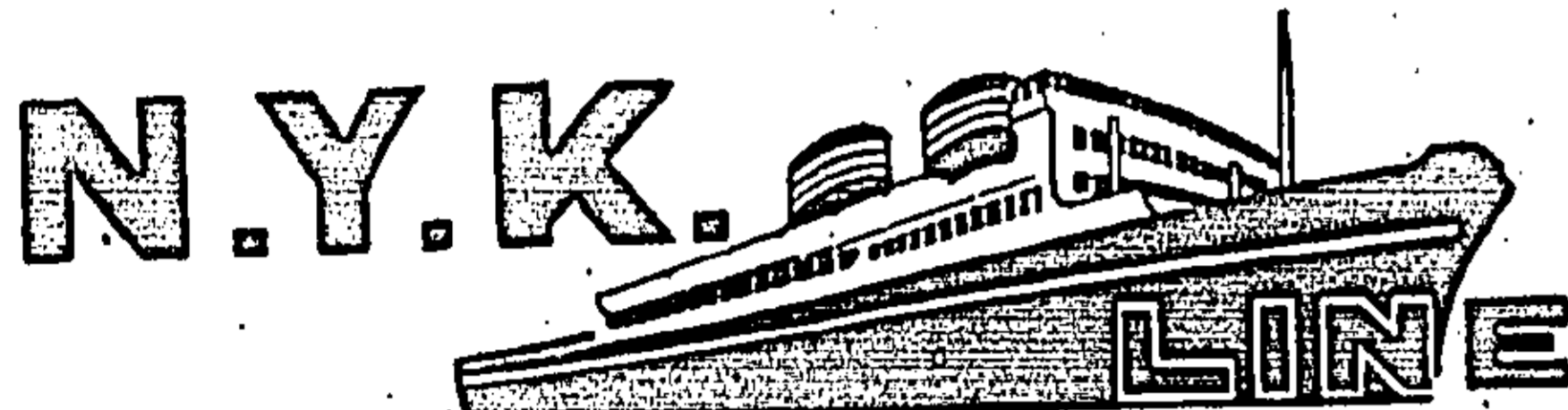
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A NEW fashion has been started for the 1940 entertaining season at Home. Instead of inviting friends to come to a tea-party, the children's invitations now read "Between 12 mid-day and 4.30 p.m."

It's a fine idea, because the little guests are home before it's really dark, and they have their musical chairs and other boisterous games in rooms which are not made airless by blackout restrictions.

Mother as hostess, provides an easy-to-eat "fingers and forks" meal at about 12.30. She remembers that small folk like savoury eats as well as sweet, and that they prefer cakes and trifles which look pretty but are not over-rich in taste.

I find that tasty little meat patties served hot are relished by all children. Here is a good recipe:

Ingredients: 1 No. 1 tin corned beef, 8oz. short-crust pastry, 4 potatoes of medium size, 2 small onions, 1 teaspoonful parsley, ½ gill water, or 1 tablespoonful unsweetened condensed milk.

Partly cook the potatoes and onions by boiling for about 10 minutes. Then strain, dice the potato, chop onion.

Put into a basin with the diced corned beef, parsley, pepper, salt and a little mustard, and blend with the water or unsweetened milk.

Roll out the pastry, cut into rounds about three inches across. Put an equal quantity of meat and potato mixture into the centre of each piece of pastry, fold over, tap up the edges, and mark with the back of a knife.

Bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes, or until the pastry is golden brown and the vegetables cooked. The appearance of the patties is improved if they are brushed over with a little beaten egg or milk before cooking.

A plateful of glossy bridge rolls spread with "green" butter will catch the eye. The spread is made by chopping well-washed watercress up, very fine, then pounding it into margarine until this is a green colour. Here are suggestions for other savoury fillings for dainty sandwiches:

Savoury Spreads

Grated cheese sprinkled with finely chopped capers or olives; hard-boiled

egg with the tiniest dash of anchovy sauce, or, instead of the sauce, a trace of Marmite on the butter bread.

Cold beef of chicken, minced small and pounded up with a piece of margarine, salt and pepper, and a shake of nutmeg, or powdered mace, makes an appetising filling. So do sardines combined with chopped beetroot and a drop or two of vinegar.

Trifle Delight

As for the sweets, it wouldn't be a party if there weren't a trifle.

Ingredients: One large sponge cake baked in a fancy mould, fruit juice, 1½ pt. custard, 2oz. sweet almonds, few drops of ratalia essence, crystallised fruits or "hundreds and thousands," 1oz. pistachio nuts.

Place sponge cake in a deep glass dish and soak with fruit juice.

Pour over the custard flavoured with the ratalia essence. Blanch and skin the almonds, cut into spikes and stick them into the sponge.

Sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts, and "hundreds and thousands," or, if used, decorate with crystallised fruits and a few blobs of cream. A tempting trifle is always served really cold.

The fresh flavour of a fruit-jelly is popular with young people.

Fruit Jelly

Ingredients: 2 packets strawberry jelly, 1½ pints water and fruit juice, mixed fruit such as grapes, canned pineapple, and apricots.

Rinse a fairly large mould out with cold water, leave the inside wet, and

SHORT CUTS

Mix gelatin dessert in a wide-mouthed pitcher. Then the gelatin may be poured into sherbet glasses very easily without spilling.

You will have no difficulty in removing the skin of tomato, if you dip it into very hot water, or place it on a fork and hold it over a gas flame.

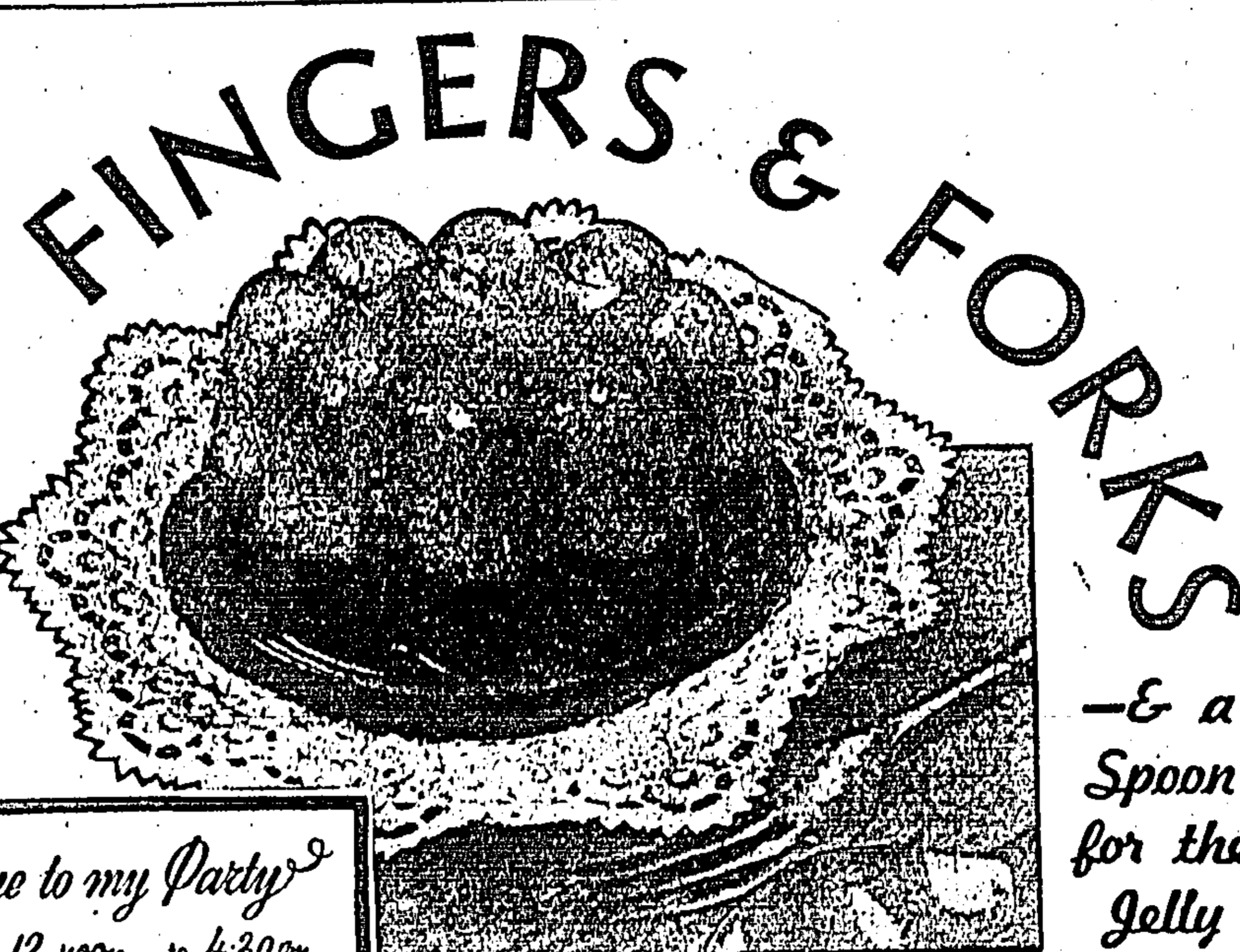


Waltz Dream is the name of this lovely gown in black shadow lace over mauve. Inset girle is of black velvet, and the neckline is cut in a deep oval.

DIES FROM INJURIES

Chinese Businessman Shot In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 28. Without regaining complete consciousness, Liu Chung-ying, prominent businessman who was shot while riding in a rickshaw in Kluksing Road yesterday died to-day.



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place mould in a pan of very cold water and eggs and water or broken ice.

Dissolve the jellies in the hot water. Bake in three well-greased layer-cakes, 8 inches in diameter. See mould, and allow it to set. Add the mixture is spread right up some of the fruit, contrasting the to the rim and slightly flatter in the colours, cover with more jelly and centre than elsewhere. When firm and golden, turn on to leave to set. Repeat until the mould is full, taking care that each layer of jelly is set firm before adding with the filling. Dust the top lightly with icing sugar.

Walnut Layer Cake

Rich fruit cakes are unpopular at children's parties. They prefer a light mixture, such as walnut layer cake.

Ingredients: 10 ozs. flour, pinch of boys and girls will appreciate this salt, 4 ozs. margarine, 1 gill milk, 3 eggs, ½ oz. baking powder, 9 ozs. sugar, 2 ozs. walnuts, 1 teaspoonful vanilla essence.

Filling: 3 tablespoons apricot jam, 1 tablespoon chopped walnuts, 3 tablespoons ground almonds, 1 teasp. vanilla essence.

Sift flour, baking powder and salt into a basin. Cream margarine and sugar; chop walnuts. Add a little flour to the margarine and sugar, then one egg alternately until you

Pineapple Punch

As for drinks, a small glass of milk diluted with a little water is what the toddlers will like. Older children and girls will appreciate this.

Ingredients: 1 quart of cold water, 2 cupsful of sugar, ½ cup of lemon juice, 2 cupsful chopped pineapple, 1 cupful orange juice, 1 cupful pineapple syrup.

Boil sugar, water and pineapple syrup for 20 minutes. Add the shredded pineapple and fruit juices, cool, strain, and dilute with ice water.

Rainbow Blankets

HERE'S a grand way to use up oddsments of wool left over from knitting—make rainbow blankets. This is not such a big job as it sounds. Everyone can help, as folk did in grandmother's day, when many hands put the pieces into the patchwork quilt.

These blankets are made up of knitted squares (plain knitting) and different coloured wools can be used. This gives a colourful patchwork effect. The finished squares are all joined together with a simple crochet stitch.

The result is a gay, attractive blanket which serves as a cosy quilt as well. The number of stitches used to each square depends on the size you want them to be, and the needles and wool used. Six inches square 4-ply wool makes a good size and thickness or 4-inch squares for a small bed. If you use thinner wool, use it double.

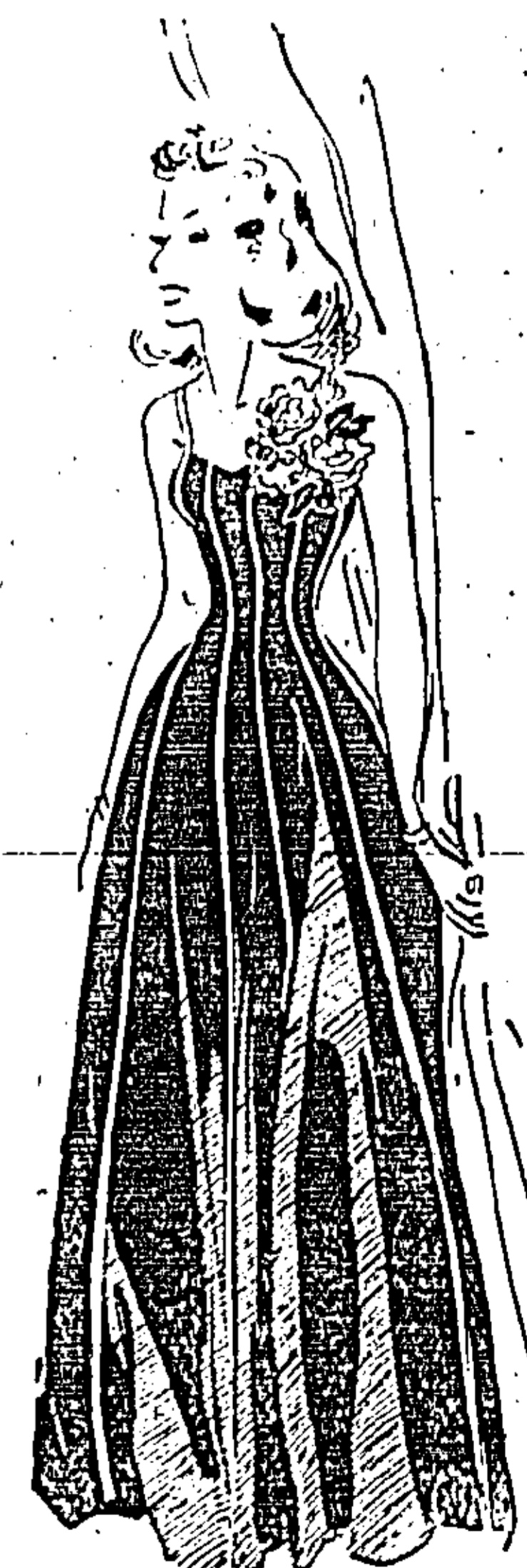
Household Aid

ODD pieces of string, which you collect in the course of your shopping, may have a hundred uses. A few moments spent in rolling each piece so that it does not become tangled in the string box will not be wasted.

Pieces three or four feet in length may help you to solve the clothes line problem. Six or eight strands, stretched tightly across the corner of the yard or kitchen, make an excellent line, especially for stockings or knitted silk wear. Keep the garments in place by threading over two strands then under two. There is no danger of peg marks, and the garments keep their shape.

Kettle lids and handles become too hot to hold, but a short piece of string wound tightly and evenly over the offending part may save a burn. In cooking, too, string has uses. A piece of boiled meat, so often difficult to remove from the saucepan whole, can be handled with ease if tied in string before cooking. Use a clean piece or wash in water before tying the meat. Cauliflower will remain unbroken if treated in the same way. In sewing, odd lengths of string can take the place of piping or help when preparing strips of material for faggoting. Attach a piece of string firmly to one side of the sewn strip, at the end. If the string is threaded back through the casing it is a simple matter to pull the material to the right side.

G. T.



A formal frock of sleek black satin, pin-striped in pale pink. Its long, slim lines and low décolletage give it distinction.

When Making Mincepies

YOUR mincepies will be "shorter" and nicer and take less fat if you mix a little ground rice with the flour for the pastry; say, two ounces to six ounces of plain flour and two ounces each of margarine and lard.

Mincepies baked on flat tins instead of in patty tins keep their shape better, and there is no "digging out" to be done.

Should the pastry show any tendency to stick to the tin, place this for a few minutes on a damp cloth before trying to move the pies.

Mincepie baked for 15 minutes in a slow oven before being put into the pies is easier to digest.

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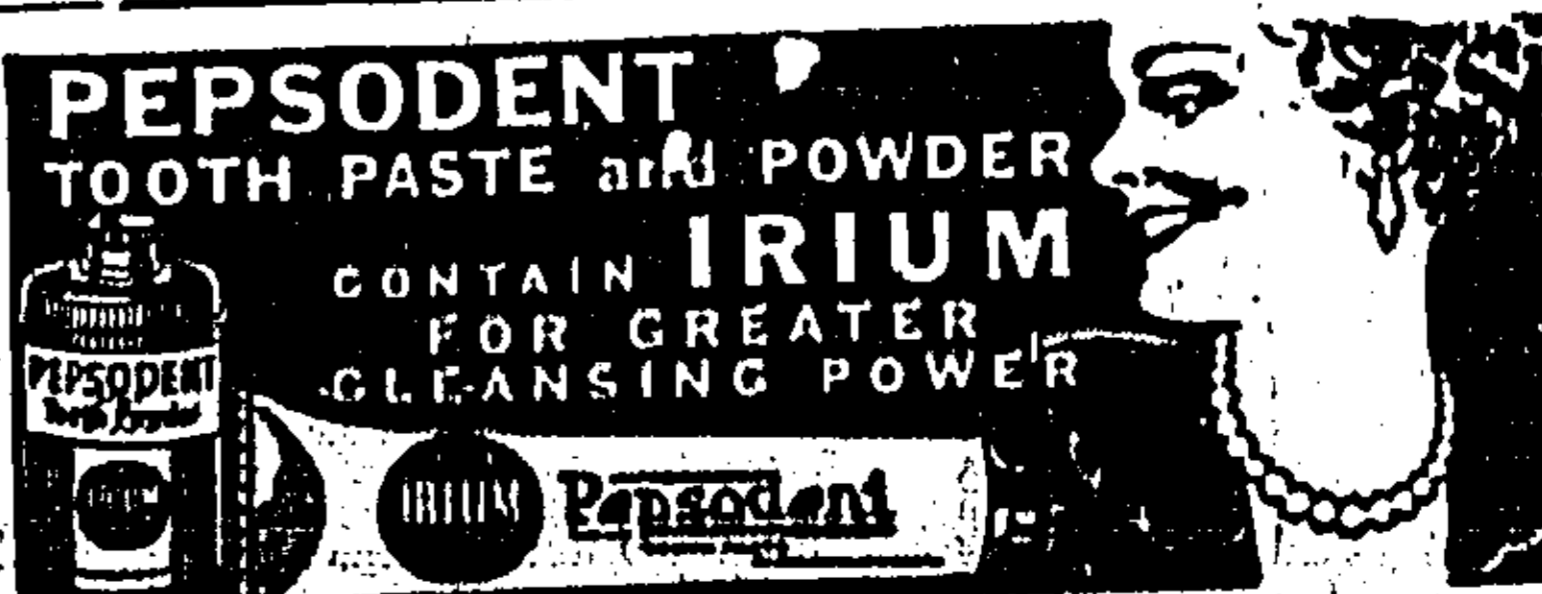
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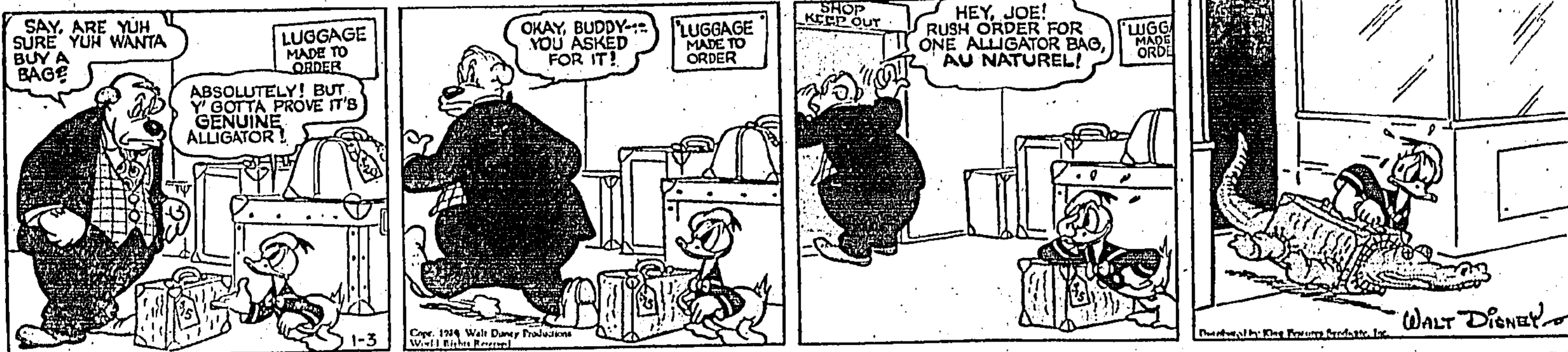
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HUNGARY AND DUCE AS ALLIES?

ROME.
 ITALY and Hungary are pledged to move against any Power that violates Balkan security.



White Eagle, chief of the Algonquin Indians, has arrived in England. He came with the second contingent of Canadians. He answers to the name of Sapper P. J. Bennett, and has given up his bow and arrow for a bayonet. (See picture on right.) He fought in the last war.

That, I understand, is the effect of the agreement reached between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers during their talks at Venice.

It is regarded as doubtful whether the Italian end of the Rome-Berlin Axis could stand the strain, if Russia should attack Rumania and still retain Germany's friendship.

There is little hope, as far as can be seen here, of an early agreement between Hungary and Rumania on the Transylvanian question.

Reinforcements of Rumanian troops are, in fact, reported to have been sent to the Transylvanian border.

Reports that a formidable Franco-British colonial army, commanded by General Weizmann, would go to Rumania's assistance if she were attacked, are also taken as a sign that King Carol will stay out of a Balkan bloc.

[According to news agency reports from Budapest, a defensive military alliance was arranged between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers.

In Rome, however, the reports were described as a rather sensational phrasing of Italy's willingness to support Hungary.]

POLES MUST GIVE UP RADIOS

ALL wireless sets, except those belonging to Germans, in the German-occupied Polish territory must be handed to the police.

These are the drastic terms of an order issued by Herr Frank, the Nazi Governor-General of German Poland.

Germans and, in special cases, Ukrainians need only report that they have wireless sets in their possession.

The decree is obviously aimed at the Polish language broadcasts from France and Britain.

They are having a considerable effect.

A German communiqué admitted that small parties of Polish young men were regularly making their way to the western countries to enlist by way of the Baltic States.

Meanwhile, rigorous precautions are being taken against the formation of rebel detachments in the occupied territory itself.

Party Census Disclosures

A YEAR BOOK of the Nazi Party has just been published.

It provides the first accurate estimate of the size of the organisation which Hitler has created as a State within the State.

The whole of Greater Germany, the Year Book claims, is covered with a widespread net of Party organisations.

The 80,000,000 Germans are divided into 481,075 blocks, 96,096 cells, 27,080 local groups, 822 provincial groups and 41 districts, which roughly correspond with the administrative sectors of the Reich bureaucracy.

No actual figures of employees in this vast network are given, but careful study of the Year Book reveals the figures.

INSIDE GERMANY
 by WILLI FRISCHAUER

G.P.U. HUNT FOR SOCIALISTS

PARIS.

INTENSIFICATION of political persecution in Eastern Poland—occupied by Soviet troops—is reported by refugees who left Lwow recently.

Socialists, both Polish, of the Polish Socialist Party (P.P.S.), and Jewish, of the "Bund," are the worst sufferers.

Socialist leaders of non working-class origin are hunted down with special bitterness by the G.P.U.

Former deputy Arthur Hauser, leader of the Lwow P.P.S., Zygmunt Fickowski, general secretary of the Workers' University, MM. Mastek, president of the Railwaymen's Union, and Frykowski and Bator secretaries of the union are among the arrested.

The entire executive committee of the Stanislaw district party organisation was deported to Russia.

The peasant leader Gruska is also under arrest.

Marital law has been in force all over the occupied area since the beginning of the Polish campaign.

On the other side of the Soviet-German demarcation line political persecution began in earnest after the Gestapo had taken over from the military authorities.

The Socialist leader Niedzialkowski, editor of "Robotnik," is reported to have been arrested, as well as the Peasant Party chairman, Ratal, ex-speaker of the Polish Parliament.

THE Nazi Labour Front, for instance, which is headed by Dr. Ley, employs 33,000 clerks inside the old Reich (without Austria, the Sudetenland and Poland).

To them must be added 1,200,000 semi-professional paid and unpaid helpers. The Labour Front alone had expenditure of over £40,000,000 in 1938.

The Reich Food Organisation, under Minister Darré, employs 21,000 men and women.

The Ribbentrop Office—a parallel organisation to the Nazi Foreign Office—with its 400 employees, fills only a minor place in this impressive list.

THE Year Book gives also an idea of the growth of such Party organisations as the S.S., the Nazi Black Guards.

It says that the S.S. is a full-scale army, exclusively at the disposal of the Fuehrer.

From various detailed hints its strength can now be given as 300,000 specially picked and selected men, of unquestionably Aryan descent.

To these must be added the Death's Head S.S., numbering 100,000 with the chief task of policing prisons and concentration camps.



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12.30 Moussorgsky—Pictures at an Exhibition.

Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.

1 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Piano Duets by Wiener and Doucet.

1.15 Dance Music by Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard."

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Swing Music.

7 London Relay—"Pictures in the Fire."

Major J. T. Gorman on Military Traditions and Customs; Music by the Welsh Guards.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Two Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).

8.23 Sidney Torch at the Organ.

8.33 Jack Hylton and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "Yunnan" by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

9.03 De Falla—"Three Corners of the World."

9.45 Interlude.

Martial Moments (arr. Aubrey Winter)...The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

9.50 Puccini's "La Tosca" Acts II and III.

Singers in order of appearance: Apollo Granforte (Baritone); Giovanni Azzimonti (Bass); Nello Pafai (Tenor); Carmen Melis (Soprano); Piero Pauli (Tenor) and Giuseppe Bottini (Boy Soprano); with the Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabagno.

11 London Relay—"Background to the News"

11.15 Close Down.

ZURICH CHEERS WELLES

ZURICH, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles arrived here this afternoon and was cheered in the station by a crowd of about 1,000 people.

He drove straight to his hotel. He will have no official contact with members of the Swiss Government during his stay here.

He is expected to leave for Berlin to-morrow afternoon.

CENSURE MOTION ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Opposition Labour Party has decided to put down a motion of censure on the Government's statement to-day regarding Palestine.

The Liberal Opposition Party intends to support the motion which is likely to be debated next week.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister has set up a Committee to consider how the best services of voluntary bodies can be used to deal with the social problems that have arisen or may arise as the result of the war.

Lloyd George Wants Bigger Air Force

Urges Retaliation if Necessary

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).

Speaking to-day at a Dorchester Hotel luncheon, Mr. Lloyd George emphasised the need for a stronger air force and declared:

"If it is necessary, make it clear that if there are any attacks on our citizens at home it will not end in Britain. I am for that, once we are committed to war."

"The nation has agreed that our cause is just. We are fighting for international right. We are also agreed that we will have to go through with it until we reach an honourable, equitable and enduring peace. That is what matters in war."

"Better a Long War"

"There is one thing I want to say as an old war Prime Minister—better a long war than a mean get out."

Appealing to his hearers to remember that during the war we had to feed not merely armed forces but 40,000,000 people, Mr. Lloyd George said: "Germany forgot it last time. She depended on her great armies. She was starved to surrender. She learned a lesson. Have we?"

GREEKS HAVE A WORD FOR IT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Feb. 28 (UP).—A total of 112 Greek seamen of the Merchant Marine have been sentenced to terms of six to 12 months in exile on various islands in the Aegean Sea for acts of insubordination in foreign ports since the outbreak of war in Europe.

The seamen belonged to 13 ships and are alleged to have either refused to continue their voyages on account of war dangers or else made impossible demands.

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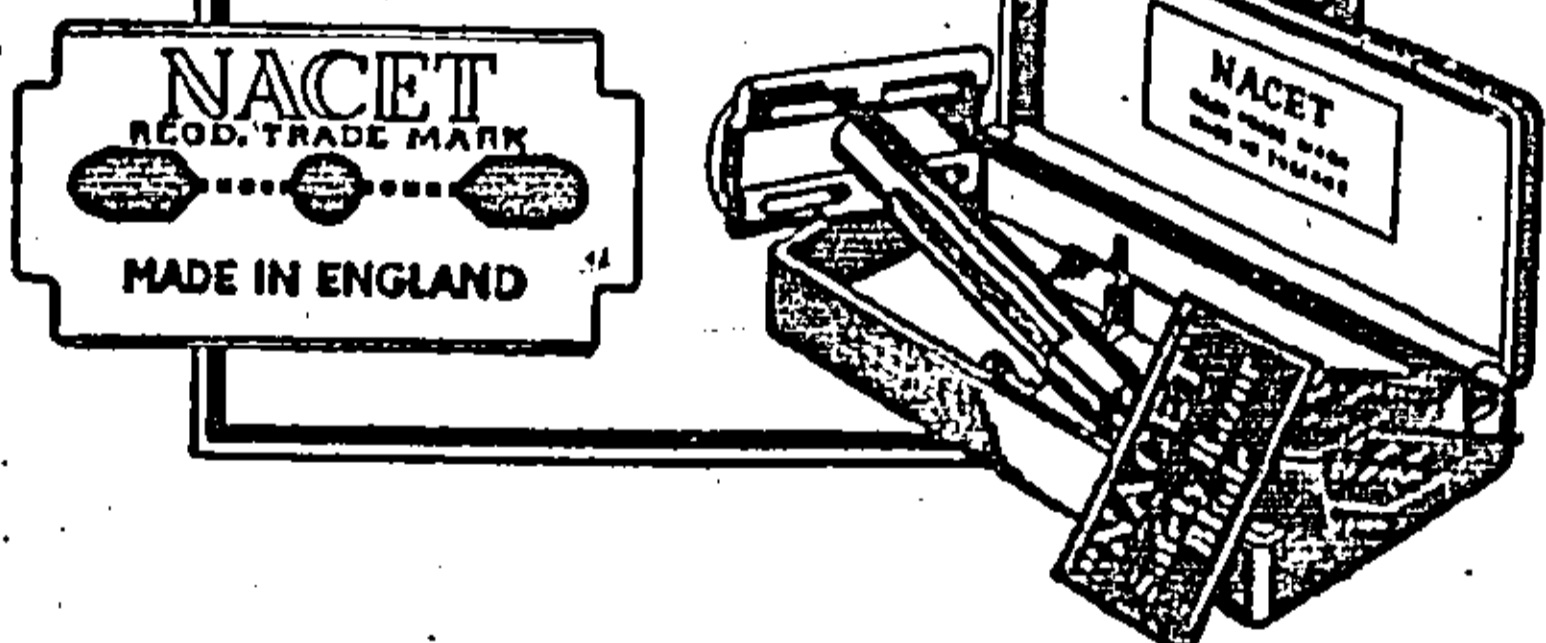
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Winston Churchill

Thirty-five years ago Mr. Churchill was making his first speeches at a Liberal and gaining the confidence that returned him to the House of Commons as a Minister. Much has happened since to politics and to Mr. Churchill.

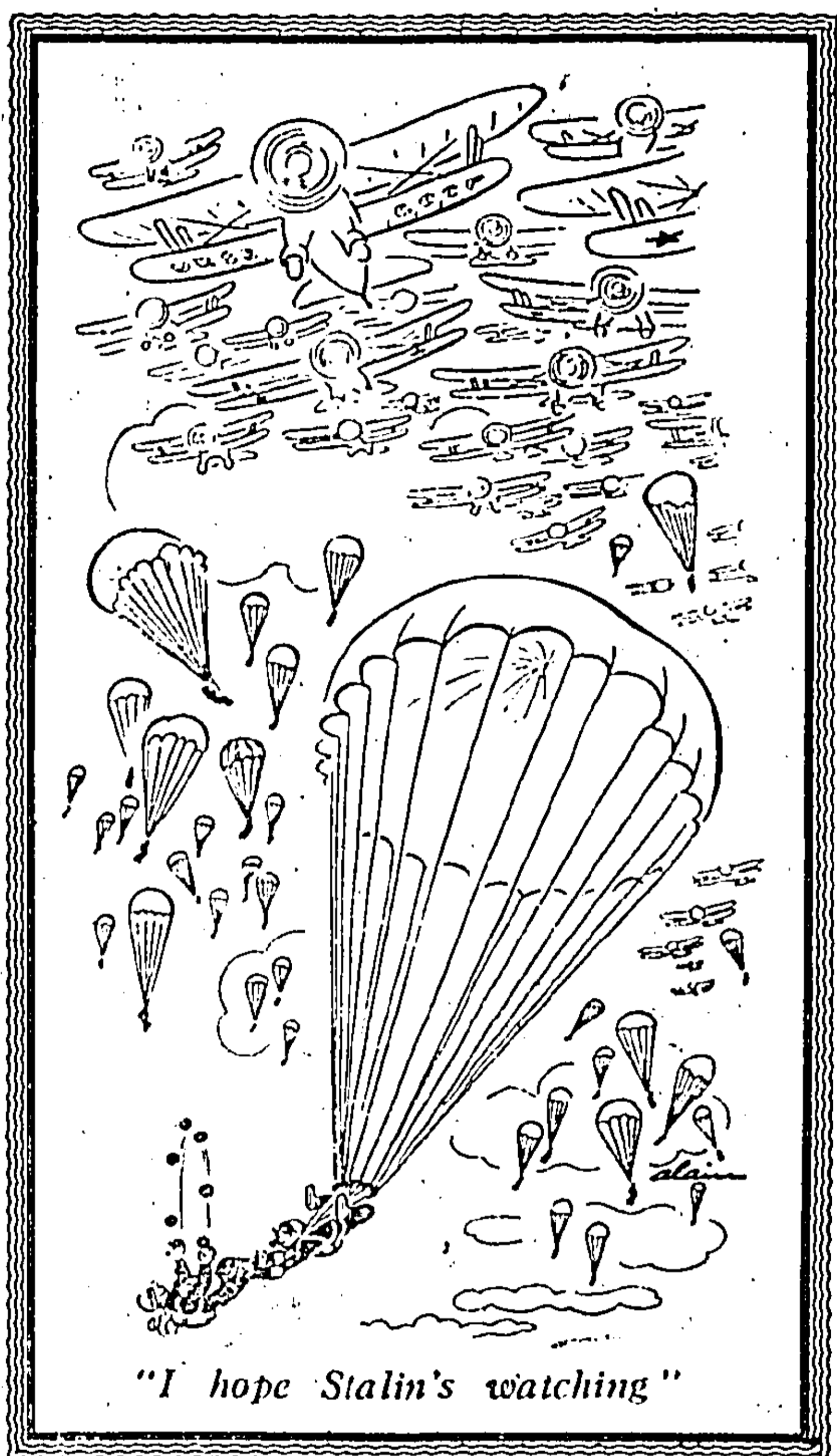
There are probably few who on looking back over his long career would claim that he has always been right. There are some who have so profound a mistrust of his judgment that they bring to everything he says a mind full of suspicion. But that he stands out among public men as a man of character, of initiative, of independence, and of tenacity nobody will deny. And he has at this moment a very special claim to public confidence. Month after month during the fatal drift of Western policy, when our realists were talking of composing all the troubles of the world by appeasement, when the Nazi rulers were presented to us as harmless men justly sensitive about the treatment Germany had received but essentially reasonable and good-hearted, when we let our defences rust and our diplomacy dream, Mr. Churchill was warning the nation that these were illusions, and illusions for which mankind would one day pay a terrible penalty.

About his campaign for collective security there was something of the character of Gladstone's campaign against Disraeli's Eastern policy in the seventies. For Mr. Churchill saw in one case, as Mr. Gladstone saw in the other, that the choice for his country was ultimately, however the truth might for the moment be disguised under soothing phrases, the choice between upholding tyranny and defending freedom. Can anybody deny that if the two Western Governments had listened to him the world would wear to-day a very different face?

Mr. Churchill, who alone among men holding high office to-day, held high office in the last war, devoted most of his grave and sober eloquence in yesterday's speech in the House of Commons to encouraging and steeling the spirit of the nation. He analysed the elements of our strength to show how vast are the resources on which we can draw if we know how to use them, to conserve them, and to develop them. But he made it plain that we must be ready for greater exertions than any we have made as yet, and his description of the efforts that are needed was evidently intended to shake the false optimism that is so easily induced by the unusual conditions under which this war is being waged.

Mr. Churchill closed his speech by reference to the apathy of the neutrals at the slaughter of their own people by Germany's sea warfare, in a world accustomed by the cinema to spectacular sensations, hardened by the numbing power of terrible events, some are slow to realise what is happening in all its truth. At this moment the area swept by war in Europe is much less than the area

He might break through . . . but he couldn't afford to



Life in a British Internment Camp

GESTAPO terrors of Dachau and Buchenwald . . . you know all about that, following the Government's publication of the White Paper on Nazi tortures in concentration camps.

For the other side of the picture, come with me to one of Britain's internment camps. No tortures, no hard work, no starvation.

Being interned, in fact, has only one disadvantage. You get bored stiff. Regulations at present prevent internees from receiving anything like military drill, or playing any game more arduous than football. Some were brought to this big internment camp and have since been transferred; several hundreds of Germans have passed through in this way, and believe me they have been well treated as prisoners of war, though they have not been mollified.

The "boss" of the camp is a Guards officer. The iron gates of the camp are guarded by sentries from a famous Territorial regiment.

that was swept by Napoleon's armies. But two things distinguish the present from the past miseries of Europe. Never before has so much energy been spent in spreading misery for its own sake. Never before has the power to strike mind as well as body, to wound men and women through memory and imagination, through love of family or love of God, been equipped with weapons so sure and so terrible. What a picture could Mr. Churchill draw of this Europe, where all the sufferings of callous war have been eclipsed by the cold cruelties of deliberate policy, where a Government of vast strength and immense resources seeks as the object and uses as the instrument of its plans famine, disease, homelessness, insanity, and despair.

He could restore to the lurid colours that fade on our imagination—for we live in a world where the crime of yesterday is forgotten in the crime of to-day and the crime of to-day blurs the crime of to-morrow—their full power to move our indignation and pity. He could make the slowest mind understand that this is not a quarrel to settle some dispute between one Government and another, but a quarrel to settle whether Europe is to master these dark passions or whether these dark passions are to master Europe.

THE charges are grouped into classes, "A" and "B"—the Class A internees being people of some social standing who can't be expected to mix with mere proletarian internees. In fact, you can very clearly see from the "guests" here that National Socialism has bred more militant snobishness, and is not brotherly Socialism at all!

Class B chaps are used as batmen. Class A gents pay 4s. 6d. a day if they can afford it, and get slightly better food. The colonel, quiet and kindly, is trying to instil some British public-school spirit into these bullet-headed Teutons. It isn't easy.

"Camp," of course, is a misnomer. The internment centre consists of several very solid buildings—you would be amused if I could disclose where the place is. There's no secrecy, as there is at Dachau. The internees are allowed to write home to Germany, though in view of Saar evacuations only 40 per cent. of the letters reach their destination. However, they're allowed to write two letters a week each. Of course, they're censored, and are posted together with a printed slip in German advising relatives what they must not say in reply, for fear of upsetting Gestapo censors. There's service for you!

EACH German as he arrives, after inspection by the military tribunal, has his identification papers checked, is given a brief medical test, and after his luggage is examined he is served with his issue of mattress, pillow, bolster, and four blankets.

Most of his own personal stuff he is allowed to keep, but only one razor blade and no sharp cutting instrument such as scissors or nail-files.

For the present, visits from relatives are absolutely barred. Interviews with solicitors are allowed within the light (but not hearing) of officers, and they have to check and censor all parcels arriving through neutral countries.

Internees can buy their newspapers from the canteen, and can supplement their ordinary food rations if they want to with tinned food and sweets. Few do, however, as the rations are adequate.

The men are allowed to smoke all day right up till "lights out" at 10.15, and are rapidly getting used to English cigarettes, which the Class A PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

THE myth of the Maginot Line—a section of which has now been taken over by British troops—is that it is impregnable. And a very dangerous delusion that is.

It certainly is not held by the French or the British staffs, to say nothing of the German staff. Those students of military science understand very well the value of fortifications in modern warfare—and their limitations.

But the mass of the population in France believe that the Line cannot be broken. Many people here think so too. "On ne passe pas."

THERE lies a danger.

For if the Line were pierced by a German attack, the public in the two Allied countries would be dismayed in proportion to the confidence they had been taught to place in the invincible strength of the fortification. They might feel, in a wave of pessimism, that the great barrier between them and the Germans had been swept away.

That would be quite a mistake. The piercing of the Line would not mean defeat and the ending of the war, so long as the British and French armies were substantially intact. The effect on the ultimate course of the war would depend on the cost to Hitler in lives, tanks, airplanes, etc., of breaking through. That operation might well be so expensive that it brought about Hitler's ruin, just as the costly German attacks in the spring of 1918 led to the German crack-up in the autumn of that year.

But the effect on Allied morale might be big. It is unwise in war to pin too high hopes on the holding of one position.

LET us talk some common sense about the Maginot Line.

It is a very formidable zone of fortifications designed by the best military engineers in the world, the French. But it is like other fortifications. It can be taken. And that goes for the Siegfried Line too.

The world is littered with the ruins of "impregnable" fortifications. Those ruins still show the breach in the invincible walls through which the assailants poured to victory.

Some British soldiers in France at this moment may be passing one celebrated British military monument of the Middle Ages. It is one of the masterpieces of medieval fortification.

They will see an imposing ruin on a rocky height. Cliffs, surrounded by tremendous walls. They may wonder if—and how—it was taken by soldiers who had no artillery or high explosives or even rifles.

Their admiration was shared by the royal builder, Richard Coeur de Lion, who, clapping eyes on it for the first time, exclaimed in delight, "It's a saucy child, my year-old castle!"

So it got its name, Saucy Castle—Chateau Gaillard.

Three years later, the French laid siege to it. After eight months' work by their engineers, Chateau Gaillard fell.

SO the story runs through all the ages. The fort is impregnable—until it is taken. Liege was going to hold up the German invasion of Belgium. Liege crumbled under the German siege guns in a week. The Hindenburg Line could not be taken. It was taken.

Every line can be taken if you can assemble at a given point a preponderance of stout-hearted men and efficient material, and if you have a well-devised plan and good staff-work.

Now, Hitler has a good staff, as his Polish campaign showed. The German soldier has not lost his courage. And there is probably a numerical advantage on the German side.

It would be absurd to suppose that Hitler's generals could not concentrate their men and guns for a surprise attack.

THERE are two schools of thought about how an attack of this kind should be conducted. The French and the German. The French are all for caution. The Germans for boldness and speed.

The French lay emphasis on methodical preparation. The Germans on dash, leaving a great deal to the initiative of the subordinate commander, who will be forgiven much if only he keeps moving on.

The French are concerned about their flanks, about widening their front. The Germans about maintaining at all costs the onward drive of the attack.

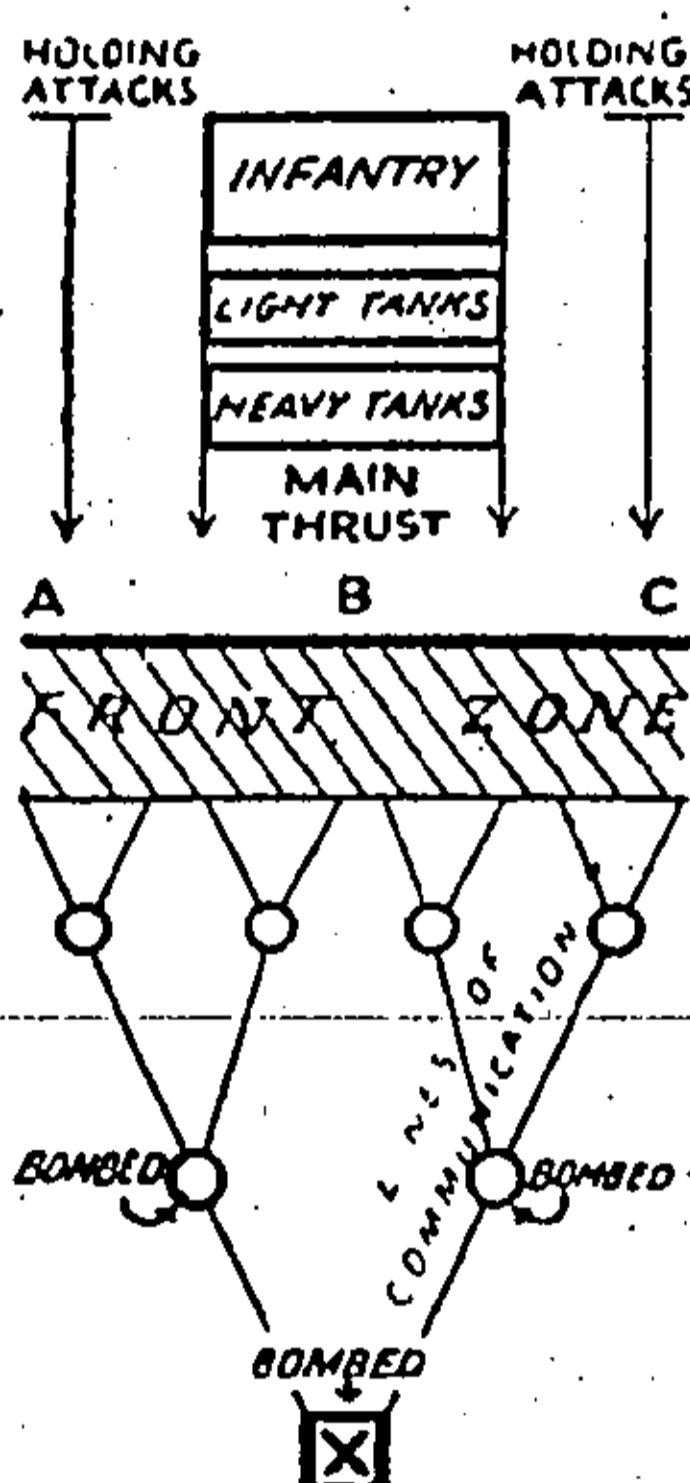
Their idea is not so rash as it looks. They hope to win by disorganizing the enemy. That was how they won the Polish war. By disorganizing an army you turn it into an armed rabble, easy to destroy. By thrusting boldly and swiftly

by Charles
Richardson

ahead, without being too anxious about their flanks, they believe that they can create a chaos among the nerve-centres of the hostile army that will be reflected in a confusion and impotence of its front-line forces.

The further behind the front that the attacked nerve centre lies the wider the length of front that may be disorganised through the paralysis of that centre. And in the mechanised army and the bomber the Germans think they have the means of paralysing those centres.

THE proposition can be expressed as a diagram:—By the heavy bombing of centres X, Y and Z the Germans would hope to break communications, prevent reinforcement and promote confusion over an area wider than the front of



the attack. Assuming the main defensive zone pounded by the barrage and crossed by heavy tanks, the faster mechanised forces, light tanks, motorised guns, and infantry would push further on without paying too much attention to mopping up in the front zone.

It might be far from being knocked out. But, in theory, it could recover too late. The battle would have moved on. The mechanised army would be thrusting at X itself, hoping to turn chaos into paralysis at that nerve centre.

This is to over-simplify the German problem a great deal. But it is a rough statement of the thing in the tempo of modern war, where the initial stage of the attack moves at perhaps 15 m.p.h. (speed of a heavy tank) and the later stages at up to 30 m.p.h. (speed of a light tank).

This compares with the tempo of the last war, which depended in all stages, on the 2 m.p.h. of the tramping soldier.

The possible depth of an attack in those days depended on the physique of the footslogger. Now it depends on the refuelling of petrol-driven vehicles.

AND that might be the real problem before the German generals. Their mechanised forces might after a few hours be stranded with empty petrol tanks. Could those tanks be filled?

In any case, nobody need suppose that an attack on the Western Front could ever be a repetition of the Polish cake-walk.

The Allied Command is well aware of the German theories of war, and, no doubt, has its plans ready. German losses would be horrifying. But it is just as well to get rid of the idea that the Maginot Line cannot, in any circumstances, be broken. And that if we lose it we lose all.

For two reasons Hitler might, in the spring, decide to gamble on an attack on the Line—

(1) Psychological effect, especially in France.

(2) Command of the Lorraine iron ore fields.

PALESTINE PROBLEMS

Labour Objects To New Land Regulations

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The High Commissioner in Palestine has issued regulations for certain areas governing the transfer of land.

The rules provide for two zones. In the first place, the transfer of land to anyone who is not a Palestinian Arab is prohibited generally. In other zone limits the sales of land have already been held by Palestinian Arabs.

They will not be allowed to transfer such land to non-Palestinian Arabs without the High Commissioner's permission.

This will be granted only in special circumstances such as for schemes for irrigation or for developments which are in the joint interests of both Arabs and Jews.

The regulations were announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald who said that the text of the regulations has been sent to the League of Nations Council together with a memorandum in case any member of the Council wanted to ask for a meeting to discuss the matter.

Flouting League
The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee protested against this way of handling the matter. It paid no regard to the Council, he said, and the Government was flouting the League of Nations' authority.

Mr. MacDonald denied that the Government was disregarding the League of Nations.

The matter could be discussed by the League if the Council felt it necessary, he said.

In view of the prevailing conditions there was no practical objection to the setting out of the regulations in draft form, he said, and suspending all action until the League considered them. The Rt. Hon. L. Amery, Conservative member, said that some Government members had misgivings while another Conservative member asked why these regulations should be introduced after six months of peace in Palestine.

He was informed that the peace might be threatened if the regulations did not come into effect.

The Home Food Front

Premier Appeals For More Production

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—An appeal for the stimulation of agricultural products was made by Mr. Chamberlain, the Premier, when addressing the Chairman of the County War Agricultural Executive Committee this afternoon.

He said that we are turning the country into a huge armaments workshop thereby placing a strain upon shipping which did not exist in peacetime.

He declared that our shipping losses, though substantial, compare in trifling proportion to the volume of our shipping. It had been necessary, he said, to adopt measures which would add to the safety but which were not in themselves economic.

In addition to the amount of shipping at our disposal another limiting factor in importation are our resources in foreign exchange.

2,000,000 Acres
A way out of the dilemma is to increase home production of food. Some venerable prophets of agriculture say that Government's programme of two million acres is much too low a figure but two million was chosen as the highest figure we thought was obtainable in the time, he continued.

The programme has been handicapped by weather but it should still be possible to attain this programme if everybody puts his back into it.

The War Cabinet would be behind the farmers in their effort and the Premier had asked the Lord Privy Seal to identify himself personally with the campaign.

Referring to reports that some farmers were hesitating to contract for sugar beet because they were afraid there would be insufficient labour work on the crops, Mr. Chamberlain gave a definite assurance that Government would take whatever steps were necessary to see that the crops when grown are harvested.

The Premier also gave an emphatic denial of any idea that the farmers will be treated any worse than industrial factories.

There is a limit to the amount that can be spent in subsidies, he said, and it is essential to keep away from the vicious spiral in which prices and wages go chasing each other.

Regarding the position after the war, Mr. Chamberlain declared that if they are still in office, that agriculture will not be allowed to collapse as it did the last time.

SECRET MINE Becomes A SQUIB

The War's Greatest Fizzle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It took Germany four years to devise the magnetic mine.

But it took Britain only four weeks to discover its secrets, according to naval correspondents who comment to-day on Mr. Churchill's "detective story" of the mastering of Hitler's secret weapon.

In the archives of the Admiralty there is a carefully guarded file which traces the history of the magnetic mine.

It discloses how Germany, before the war, experimented with magnetic mines.

It tells the story of Germany's efforts to lay them by seaplanes and, finally, it tells how British science detected her on the trail.

The Five Heroes
There are five heroes of the story. They are: youthful Lieut. Cdr. J. D. G. Overy, Lieut. Cdr. Roger Lewis, Lieut. John Gleny, Chief Petty Officer Charles Baldwin and A. B. Archibald Vearncombe.

All five men are mine experts at the Mine Experimental Department of the Naval Torpedo School at Portsmouth.

To these five men fell the job of examining the first magnetic mine to be captured.

No metal could be allowed near the mine. Lieut. Cdr. Overy ordered everybody away while he alone removed the detonating apparatus and rendered the mine harmless.

A few days later His Majesty the King visited Portsmouth and saw the mine.

He pinned the D.S.O. on Lieut. Cdr. Overy and Lieut. Cdr. Lewis, a D.S.C. on Lieut. Gelly and D.S.M.'s on Baldwin and Vearncombe.

The captured and now harmless mine was minutely examined.

Now It's A Wash-Out
Within a few days, explosive experts were able to answer the Admiralty's request as to how many types of magnetic mines could be produced and the antidotes for each type.

Not only this, for the experts also showed the Admiralty how to locate the mines, how to bring them to the surface and how to render them completely harmless.

That is the story of the war's greatest fizzle—Hitler's secret weapon.

British Govt. And Sarawak

Has No Authority To Interfere

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Information regarding Sarawak was sought in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. J. Graham Kerr.

The Member asked Mr. Malcolm MacDonald if, in view of the proximity of the independent state of Sarawak to British possessions in the East and its strategic importance, he would inform the House with regard to the recent deposition of the Rajah Muda and the resignation some months earlier of five members of the Civil Service.

The resignations included those of the Chief Secretary, the Financial Secretary, the Chief Justice and the Principal Medical Officer.

Improper To Comment
Mr. MacDonald replied that the relations of His Majesty's Government with the state of Sarawak were governed by the Agreement of 1888. Under this agreement Sarawak was recognised to be an independent sovereign state. In its internal affairs, His Majesty's Government had no authority to interfere except for the limited purposes mentioned in the Agreement.

In these circumstances, Mr. MacDonald was of the opinion that it would be improper for him to make any comment on the facts referred to in the question.

GREAT BATTLE RACES FOR RUINS OF FINNS' SECOND BIGGEST CITY
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First Canadian volunteers have arrived in Finland.

Finnish Defences Collapse
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". HELSINKI, Feb. 29 (UP).—It is officially admitted that the Finnish defence lines 50 miles south of Petsamo have collapsed as a result of the continuous Soviet assaults on the Arctic front.

The Finnish forces have retreated approximately ten miles to new entrenchments.

The Soviet offensive still continues.

Finnish Communiqué
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". HELSINKI, Feb. 29 (UP).—The official Finnish communiqué states that the defenders of Viipuri fought a defensive action throughout Monday and Tuesday, in which the Russians suffered heavy losses.

Artillery activity has been on a great scale from both sides.

The augmented Finnish air force carried out several flights on Tuesday, bombing enemy columns, munitions dumps, communication lines and certain military objectives.

Allied Help For Finns
PARIS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The progress of the war on the Western Front, the war in Finland and the general international situation was outlined by M. Daladier in an important statement to the Foreign Affairs Committee Chamber to-day.

A communiqué, issued after the meeting says: "The Committee were pleased to learn of the magnitude of material aid given by France and Britain to Finland," and "our help will be continued."

Pleading Turkish Activity
After stating that M. Daladier explained the result of the Balkan Entente Conference, the communiqué says: "The diplomatic activity of our Turkish friends in the Balkans is of a most pleasing nature."

The communiqué concludes: "M. Daladier, while disillusioning those who depict Germany as on the verge of collapse, enumerated the grave interior difficulties which the Reich is endeavouring to hide by its propaganda, and developed reasons for justifying our confidence in victory in such a spirit of unity that he was greeted with unanimous applause."

DELICATE POSITION

Anglo-Italian Trade Relations

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Rome correspondent of "Le Temps" says that economic relations between Britain and Italy have reached a delicate stage since several weeks of negotiation have failed to produce a mutually satisfactory agreement on outstanding questions.

He states that the principal obstacle to an agreement arises out of the question of Italy's coal supplies which are now obtained largely from Germany.

Italy has offered to exchange agricultural produce for British coal, but Britain prefers the products of Italy's heavy industries.

Aggravation Likely
The correspondent says that the difficulties are likely to be aggravated as the result of the intention indicated by Britain to apply the export embargo to German coal now reaching Italy by sea.

Hitherto Italy has been given preferential treatment in the Allied blockade of Germany.

The Italian newspaper, "Telegrafo," says that if Britain were paid in heavy industry goods, the Italian industry would soon find itself under British control.

Preparing For Aftermath
Cordell Hull And Post-War Problems

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, stated to-day that conversations were under way between American diplomats and foreign governments all over the world in the interest of preventing the forces of autocracy, regimentation and totalitarianism from gaining control after the end of war.

Mr. Hull revealed that copies of his recent statements concerning contacts with neutrals with a view to establishing a better world order after the war had been sent to all American representatives abroad so that they could bring them to the attention of the governments to which they were accredited.

Post-War Adjustments
Mr. Hull said that the action was taken with the view to making preparations for post-war adjustments, economic and military.

He emphasised that the conversations had nothing to do with conditions during the war.

Mr. Hull said that if the forces of peace and stability—especially the economic forces—were not organised preparatory to the transition and reconstruction period after the war, the forces of autocracy, regimentation and totalitarianism would probably have the same tendency that they had after the World War. This tendency was to spread their practices on an ever-narrowing and more disastrous basis through the interested areas of the world with much worse and destructive effects than those which followed a similar policy after ten years of the post-war period.

Ban On Foods For Nazis
Parcel Remittances Deplete Stocks

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—It is understood in London that the authorities in Rumania, Jugoslavia and the Netherlands will take steps to stop the wholesale depletion of stocks of foodstuffs in certain areas in their respective countries by parcel remittances to Germany.

These remittances arise from the activities of a concern known as the "Fortra Corporation" in the United States which, for example, charges \$84 for a parcel of foodstuffs which can be bought in Holland and sent to Germany for a little more than \$3.

Hitler's \$5 Profit
The Corporation thus apparently makes a profit of \$5 on each parcel and this balance is at the disposal of the Germans.

It is suggested in some quarters that a large trade between Germany and Sweden is being carried on via Spain.

Substantial German-owned balances of Spanish pesetas are being released to Swedish people who make purchases with them in Spain and ship the goods to Sweden.

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Nazis Lose 53 Ships

Six Per Cent Of Total Merchant Tonnage

LONDON, Feb. 28 (British Wire- less).—Up to February 26, the Germans lost by capture or scuttling 53 merchant ships. This represents six per cent. of the total German merchant tonnage.

During the same period, Britain lost 159 merchant vessels by enemy action, representing 1.6 per cent. of the ocean-going tonnage.

Actual figures on which these calculations are based are from the Returns of the World's Merchant Shipping, dated June, 1938, which is the latest obtainable.

German Mercantile Fleet
These returns state that there are 2,328 German vessels over 100 tons which totalled 4,243,835 tons.

The United Kingdom had 7,203 ocean-going ships, totalling 17,780,859 tons, and the Dominions 2,476 ships, totalling 3,166,001 tons.

It gains by capture and the new ships now available are included, the British proportion is even better than these figures show.

Convoy losses remain very small. During the week ended February 24, 225 neutral ships were conveyed by the Navy without loss, while the total of ships so guarded reached 1,107 and sustained loss equalling only one fifth of one per cent.

(THAT OTHER MAN) GOEBBELS LETS IT RIP
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Food supply is fully secured, our economic system consolidated, and it is in a position to supply the country with all necessary raw material and products.

"The armament industry is working at the highest pressure."

Dealing with neutrals, Dr. Goebbels said that unlike Mr. Churchill, Germany did not demand their active assistance in the war, but Germany would not tolerate a definition of neutrality which refers to military but not political neutrality.

Germany's Gesture

Will Re-Sell Swedish Arms To Sweden

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—All Swedish types of armaments captured by Germany in Poland will be sold to Sweden by Germany, according to reports in diplomatic circles, says the "New York Times" in a Washington despatch.

Germany has also agreed to deliver anti-aircraft guns manufactured in Poland under Swedish patents.

Denials Expected
Owing to the delicate diplomatic situation in Scandinavia, it is thought that diplomatic denials will be made, but the reports are believed to be derived from detailed information.

The paper adds that it is thought that the quarters in Germany may be anxious to prevent the Soviet from advancing further west. It is also pointed out that the deal may be for purely economic reasons if Germany is hard pressed for cash, or Sweden may have been able to wring concessions from Germany for refusal to yield to Allied pressure to drop her neutral position.

ROME EXCLUDES THE JEW
ROME, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—From March 1 Jews will be excluded from most professions such as that of journalists, doctors, chemists, lawyers, accountants and engineers.

Some who may be exempted may offer their services solely to members of their own race.

LEAP YEAR SPOILT H.K. WEATHER RECORD
LEAP YEAR has ruined what would have been a 22-year dry weather record during January and February.

A change in the weather started at midnight and by 9.30 this morning 78 points of an inch of rain had fallen. Thus the 1918 low record of .025 of an inch rainfall for the first two months of the year remains unchallenged, and the 1940 figures can now only compare with those for 1933, when .640 of an inch was recorded for the same period.

Up to midnight last night the first had ceased, but by then the "damage" was done. Here is how the rain was recorded since midnight:

What Leap Year Did
Thanks to Leap Year, this has now been increased to 1.10 inches, and as more rain is likely between now and midnight, the 1940 January and February is fairly safe of being placed out of the category of record months.

By 10 o'clock this morning the rain was insufficient to be recorded.

SAITO MAY CAUSE PARTY SPLIT

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Leaders of the Minseitō Party this morning considered the case involving Mr. Takao Saito, veteran member of the Party, who made a slip of the tongue when interpellating in the Diet on February 2. They decided to hold a meeting of the Party members on March 1 to make a formal decision regarding Mr. Saito.

Despite the fact that many members of the Minseitō Party this morning opposed Mr. Saito's expulsion and favoured a long term suspension as the maximum punishment, the president of the Party and other leaders strongly expressed the opinion that expulsion could be deferred.

The "Kokumin Shinbun" forecasts that expulsion will ultimately be decided, although a split in the Minseitō Party may be possible.

PEACE HOPES FADING
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and reflection between his visits to Rome and Berlin.

There appears to be no question of special conversations taking place in Switzerland.

To-morrow afternoon he will leave for Berlin in a special sleeping car placed at his disposal by the German Government.

It is expected that after a stay of two or three days he will pass through Switzerland again en route to Paris and London.

He will finally return to Rome and embark at Naples for New York.

FEB. 29—JOY DAY FOR MANY
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monthly basis, and there's an extra day's revenue.

But, on the other hand, there's an extra day of special expenditure in connection with the two wars which must be taken into consideration.

Tough On The Cows
Stockholders might not like to-day for feeding them a day's increase, or cows for having to provide an extra day's supply of milk.

And, although we haven't had any details yet, there should be a race in Hongkong to be the first Leap Year Baby of 1940. So watch the advertisements in to-morrow's morning contemporary.

More Money For Education
LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Over £5,250,000 will be spent on education in Britain in the next financial year. This is an increase of £250,000 over previous years.

NEUTRALS HAVE A TRUMP CARD
VATICAN CITY, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The fact that no reference to any solidarity with Finland was made in the communiqué issued after the recent Scandinavian Conference of Foreign Ministers was commented on by the Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano".

The paper says that the neutrals are not entirely without defence in this war for Scandinavia supplies essential war materials to the belligerents.

They have therefore an economic weapon to impose in respect for the lives of their seamen.

Frau Denies "Lied Like Churchill"
AMSTERDAM.
A citizen of Detmold, says the Westfälische Land Zeitung, told his wife in the course of a quarrel that she "lied like Winston Churchill."

The wife, indignantly took her husband to court. He was fined for the "insult."

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Colonel A. C. Munro, of the Indian Medical Service, has been appointed Honorary Physician to the King.

Released thru United Artists

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

VLADIVOSTOK AS BLOCKADE AREA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It has been learned from reliable sources that Great Britain has opened discussions with Canada regarding the possibility of establishing Contraband Control bases on the west coast of Canada to check traffic from the United States and other Pacific territories to Vladivostok.

It is understood that Britain has also re-opened conversations with Washington regarding the United States exports of rubber, tin and copper to Vladivostok for the Soviet Government.

This action is said to have followed demands in the House of Commons for an extension of the economic blockade against Germany.

Authoritative quarters here have stated that besides Canada's ports on the Pacific, the ports of Hongkong and Singapore and such islands as the Fiji group may be used by the British Navy to block Russia's traffic in commodities designed for re-export to Germany.

The amounts reaching Germany by that route are, however, thought to be relatively small.

Soviet Policy in Pacific

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (UP).—The newspaper "Yomiuri" said the reported strengthening of the Russian Naval defenses in the Far East is a matter of serious concern to Japan.

It says that the Soviet Vice-Commodore of Navy has announced that the Soviet Union is stationing 100 submarines, 12 torpedo boats and other auxiliary craft in Far Eastern waters with their base in Vladivostok.

It may be Russia's right to carry out such a policy, but whether it is expedient under the existing state of Japanese-Soviet relations is very doubtful.

Naval Race Dangers

The paper points to the trade negotiations at present in progress in Moscow and the mutual agreement to establish a border commission to settle the boundary disputes as evidence of better Russo-Japanese relations.

It warns Russia that a naval race between the two countries might hinder the efforts to reach a satisfactory settlement of pending issues. If Russia aims to strengthen her Pacific fleet, Japan must seriously consider counter-measures apart from efforts to adjust diplomatic relations.

Volunteer For Common Cause

Jews And Arabs Land In France

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—The first batch of men from Palestine to form part of the British Expeditionary Force arrived at a French port to-day, telephones "Reuters" correspondent with the B.E.F.

They consist of about 700 men, all volunteers, 75 per cent. being Jews and the rest Arabs. They will be attached to the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps to work on communications as unskilled labourers.

"Reuters" correspondent somewhere in France says that General Sir Walter Kirke, Commander-in-Chief of Home Forces, has arrived at General Headquarters to inspect the British Zone.

LIFE IN A BRITISH INTERNMENT CAMP

(Continued from Page 6.)

men buy from the canteen at the rate of about 10 a day.

For their benefit they have formed a committee to pool library books, lend money to comrades in need, represent their interests, and report any serious complaints to the commandant. So far there have been none.

SEVERAL Germans who have passed on to other camps, or have been subsequently released from internment, have suffered most courteous thanks for their treatment. One or two used to go around giving the Nazi salute in a luke-warm fashion, and "Heiling" sotto voce, but they have dropped all this ridiculous pantomime now, and some indeed take great pains to return all gestures with an ordinary British salute.

Each day starts early. Reveille is at 7.00 a.m. and by roll-call 45 minutes later the men must be washed, dressed, and have tidied up their beds.

There are technical punishments for slackers, but to the credit of internment there has not yet been any. Certain men are given leave of absence from roll-call on a day-to-day basis, but the general health level of the charges since being in the camp is most satisfactory.

Breakfast at 8.30, nearly always consists of a pint of tea, a large chunk of brown bread (baked in the camp's own ovens), a meat pie or bowl of porridge, and a big pot of margarine. You certainly wouldn't call this prison diet.

THERE are light fatigues after breakfast—dusting, tidying up, but no scrubbing or rough work—and at 10.30 there is the morning's camp inspection by the Commandant himself.

There is not a military parade. The Colonel usually has a cheery word here and there, and then the internment split up for their morning exercises. They are free to talk as much as they like, but, of course, if any heated political arguments were to develop it would be the guard's duty to break up the party.

Dinner is served at 12.30—menu usually being meat pie, hash or fish, followed by fruit pie and a pint of cocoa, with bread and margarine.

Ted at 4.30 is the last official meal of the day—it is really a light supper—but the men have formed their own little supper-clubs, buy stuff from the canteen (no alcoholic drinks, of course), and over sweets and cigarettes talk about the days that used to be, and the future that may be.

Time will begin to hang heavily on their hands after a few more months of war, but at present most of the men read, borrowing books from the camp library.

L. O. Manners.

THE NAVY SPIRIT

Exploits Recounted To House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—Following Mr. Churchill's brilliant speech on the Navy Vote in the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, gave members some details of the spirit of the Royal Navy.

He told of one ship which before Christmas was looking for the Deutschland.

One night, a light was seen on the horizon that might have been the quarry.

From Hot Bath To Frozen Deck

Every man on board rushed to points of vantage. A 15-year-old Maltese seaman who was soaking in a hot bath at the time rushed up as he was onto the deck where the temperature was around 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

He stood on the pump deck to look at what to him was the Mecca of his dreams.

In another case a warship put into port for repairs. She had 350 tons of ballast on board. This had to be moved.

The Captain was told that it would take 24 hours. The ship could not afford to wait that long so the Captain applied to his crew.

Led by the Captain they got to work on the ballast and moved it all in an hour and a half.

Press Pleased By Speech

Mr. Churchill's Oration Well Received

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—Mr. Winston Churchill's Navy vote speech on Tuesday was the subject of today's Press comment as expected.

The "Yorkshire Post" says that the speech was vigorous and confident but not for one moment complacent.

The "Daily Telegraph" stresses Mr. Churchill's remarks that he was wrong when he said that Germany was building two U-boats a week.

Germany may reach that figure in the future, but it had not done so up to the end of 1939, whereas we are maintaining our figure of destroying two to four a week.

Best Summing-Up

The "Yorkshire Post," however, probably best sums up the opinions of the British Press when it concludes its leading article by remarking: "No one can read Mr. Churchill's speech without feeling heart-felt gratitude to our sailors of every rank and grade. It is certain that we shall have much further cause for gratitude before the year is out."

VIDE GRAF SPEE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (UP).—Commenting on Mr. Winston Churchill's "belated admission" that the British battleships Nelson and Barham have been damaged, the D.N.E. (Official German News Agency) says:

"The suppression of damages and losses inflicted on the British Navy by German submarines is intended to neutralise doubts as to the striking power of the British Navy."

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that all has been quiet on the front.

PANAMA CANAL DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—A resolution has been presented to Congress asking the administration to acquire land bases to help defend the Panama Canal, "against any possible military activity by any non-American power."

The acquisition of land on the north coast of South America, or islands off the coast for an army base similar to that under construction at Puerto Rico to protect the Canal, has been suggested.

Situation In Shanghai

Britons And Japanese Reach Agreement

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced that following the signing of the modus vivandus for the policing of the outside roads in Shanghai, the Japanese Consul General issued a communiqué declaring that the Japanese authorities were ready to resume negotiations as regards the policing of Hongkew and other areas to the north of Soochow Creek.

Mr. Butler continued: "Conversations are in fact to be resumed between the two parties, and it is hoped that these negotiations will lead to a settlement of other questions at issue concerning the Council's jurisdiction in these areas."

"Latest reports indicate that the crime situation is still very bad in the Western Extra-Settlement district, but the Japanese authorities have expressed the intention of doing away with a number of gambling houses and dens of vice to which the disorderly conditions of this district are chiefly due."

Mr. Wardlaw Milne asked: "Will Mr. Butler express the appreciation of this country to the Japanese for definite action contemplated and press them if possible to get on with the work?"

Mr. Butler replied: "I will see that an expression of appreciation is passed forward and the work pressed on as he desires to Tokyo."

MR. WELLES IN SWITZERLAND

Stays Over On Way To Berlin

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's personal European observer, is now on his way to Berlin from Rome.

He stopped over at Switzerland to-day.

On the eve of his arrival in Berlin, the German Press and radio are whipping up a desperate British campaign, trying to make out that peace is impossible while British terror remains.

Commenting on this, French newspapers are of the opinion that the German Press has changed its tune towards the United States, and is now growing less and purring more.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 28 (UP).—The "Berlingske Efteravis" correspondent at Helsingfors reports rumours that the Russians are restoring the Finnish nickel mines at Salmijervi with the help of "German engineers."

COMPELLED TO SAVE

Commons Hears Keynes Plan To Finance War

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—A scheme for compulsory saving during the war which was recently propounded by the well-known economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, came within the Parliamentary orbit to-night when Mr. Keynes addressed 250 members of the House of Commons of all parties.

Mr. Keynes argued that the rising proportion of all wages over a certain minimum figure should be compulsorily invested until the end of the war when repayments would increase the purchasing power and tend to counteract the trade depression.

A family allowance should be granted amounting to 6s. weekly for every child under 15 years of age and capital levy should be imposed after the war.

Mr. Keynes arranged to meet members of the House of Commons again for a further discussion.

His scheme was also mentioned in the House of Lords when a debate took place on National Economics.

Not Rejected

Lord Hankey, replying to the debate, said that Mr. Keynes' plan for deferred pay had not been rejected by the Government.

He intimated that before adopting compulsion the Government must see whether loans could not be obtained voluntarily, and quoted figures showing that there had been a reduction in civilian buying.

As the war effort developed, he said, there will have to be a greater curtailment of civilian consumption.

Retrenchment In Buying

Lord Stamer declared that such retrenchment in civilian buying was possible before the national as a whole had to live on a lower standard than in 1914.

Income Tax In S. Africa

Not To Be Increased To Finance War

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—Presenting the War Budget to the Assembly, the Minister of Finance, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, stated that the estimated revenue in 1940-41 on the existing basis of taxation was £44,600,000, excluding the amounts agreed to the state in respect of the price of gold in excess of 150 shillings per ounce.

The estimated expenditure is £45,595,000.

Dealing with the proposed taxation, Mr. Hofmeyr announced the creation of the War Expenses Account and estimated that £14,000,000 would be required, of which £2,250,000 is at present available.

Referring to the taxation of gold mines, he announced the abandonment of provision limiting gold-mining companies' proceeds to 150 shillings an ounce. As recompense, he proposed to impose on the gold-mining industry a special contribution of £3,500,000.

The general object is particularly to benefit low-grade mines and mines outside Witwatersrand.

An excess profits duty of 10 shillings in the pound would be imposed but would not apply to gold or diamond mining industries.

Mr. Hofmeyr proposed a further two shillings in the pound as a special contribution by the diamond industry.

The basis of the normal income tax and super-tax is not to be altered, but the 30 per cent. rebate on both individuals and companies would be withdrawn.

GRAF SPEE SOLD

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—It is stated in shipping circles here that the wreck of the Graf Spee has been sold by the German authorities to an Argentine steel firm.

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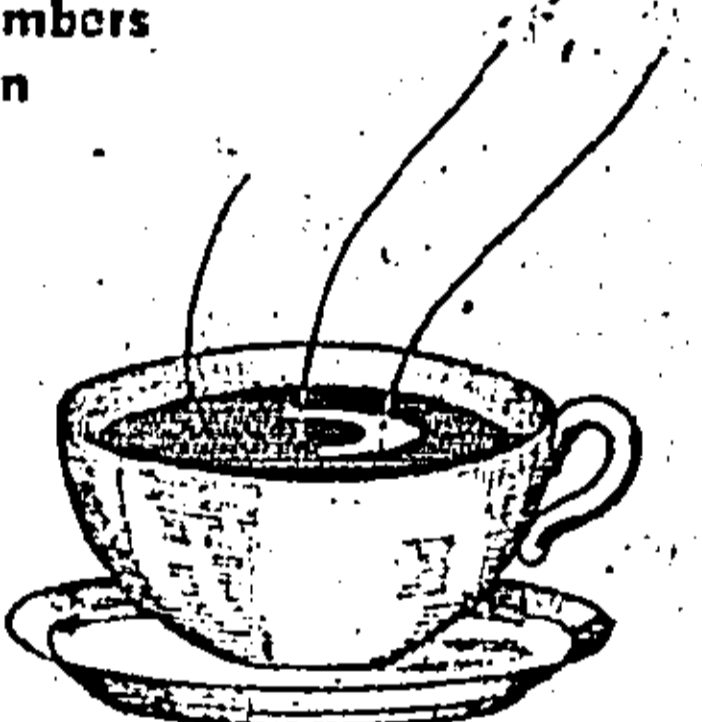
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U.S. Newspaper Alleges Secret Defence Treaty

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Domei).—The "Philadelphia Inquirer" to-day splashed a story of the alleged conclusion of a secret agreement between the United States and Canada regarding the defence of the Pacific Coast.

The report asserts that the alleged pact provides:

Firstly, the fortification of the Juan de Fuca Strait between Bremerton and Vancouver.

Secondly, construction of Canadian air bases on Queen Charlotte Islands and at Prince Albert.

Thirdly, reinforcement of the

American Army and Air Force in Alaska.

The paper further asserts that the joint defence scheme was formulated when a delegation of the Canadian Defence Ministry visited Washington in 1938 and met United States Army and Naval officials.

Questioned regarding the report, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to-day denied that he had any knowledge of such a pact.

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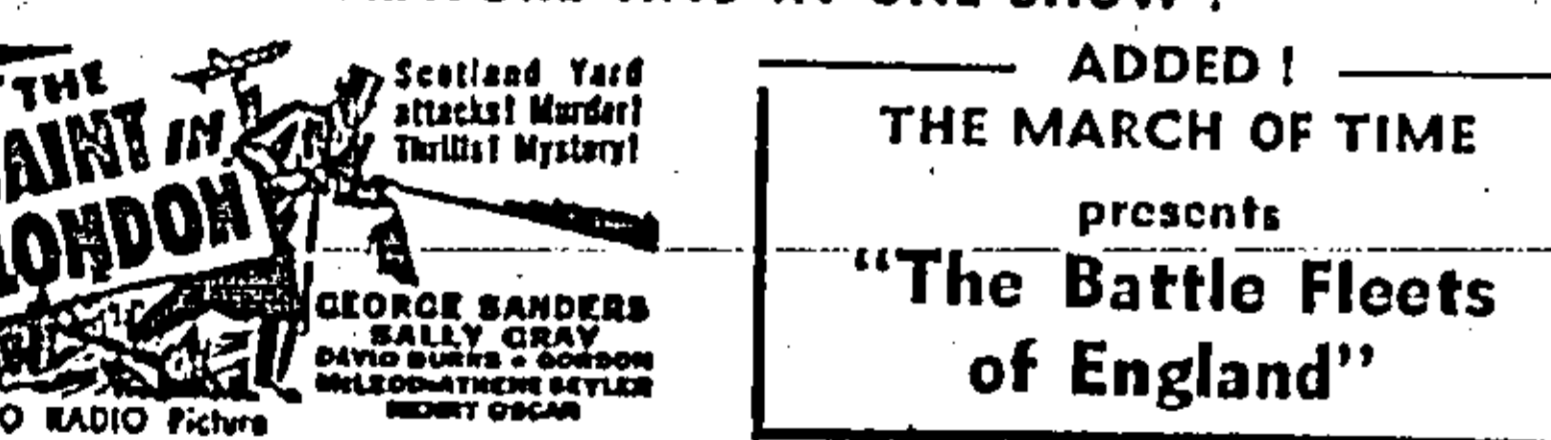
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SPY STORY AS "NAZI FACT"

A spy novel of the last war has provided Goering with documentary evidence of the "crimes" committed by the British Intelligence Service. Under the heading, "Confession of a British Agent," his newspaper, the National Zeitung, prints as fact one of the more colourful episodes in Somerset Maugham's tale "Ashenden."

"The Munich attempt and the numerous acts of sabotage during the past few weeks in Rumania and Yugoslavia have drawn attention to the British Secret Service in a manner which it must find very unwelcome," says the newspaper. "Yet there is no lack of books about this secret organisation of criminals. For among those who have taken part in it there are not a few who are actually proud of their criminal activities."

"One of these is the English author, Somerset Maugham, who, in a book called 'Ashenden,' discloses 'some experiences of a very insignificant member of the Intelligence Department.' Among these experiences is a murder—in which, incidentally, the wrong person is killed by mistake—and an act of sabotage by which a factory in what was then Austria Galicia was blown up, causing the death of many workmen."

"The National Zeitung adds that the 'report of this latter incident is of special interest in view of the similar crimes recently committed in the Balkans. There follows an extract, occupying nearly half a page, describing an interview between Ashenden and a Polish agent. 'Ashenden' was published in 1928. The story has been made into a film under the title of 'Secret Agent.'"

Badges for Troops

Gen. von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, has instituted a new decoration, to be known as the "assault badge." It will be awarded to non-motorised infantry of all ranks who distinguish themselves in attacks.

The corresponding decoration for armoured units will be the "armoured car badge."

War Tax on Wages

As a concession to wage-earners, the German Finance Minister, Herr Funk, has decreed that overtime pay shall no longer be liable to the special war surtax. This is, however, still levied on all basic wages of 50s. weekly and above. In addition, ordinary income-tax is payable on both wages and overtime pay.

A worker earning 60s. weekly pays 7s. income-tax and 2s. 6d. super-tax. Where overtime pay is earned, income-tax rises steeply. A labourer whose basic wage is 50s. a week pays 10 per cent. in tax. If he earns an extra 8s. for working on a holiday or at night, this is taxed at the rate of 18 per cent.

Old Shoes Collected

Collections of old shoes and other discarded leather articles are being organised throughout the Reich. The Berlin correspondent of the Genoa newspaper, Lavoro, reports that a new process has been devised for making a leather substitute, which must, however, contain a certain proportion of the genuine article.

Europe Up-to-Date

Purchasers of a new atlas just published in Germany are disappointed

THE King, in a special list of awards issued as a supplement to the "London Gazette" gives recognition to courage, endurance and devotion to duty shown by officers and men of the Royal Navy in the war at sea.

Confined to personnel of the Services the list is as liberal to crews of the "little ships" of the R.N.R.—the trawlers and drifters which sweep mines and hunt U-boats—as it is to those who man the bigger vessels of the R.N.

The "little ship" men have done as much as any successfully to smash the Nazi menace beneath the sea.

The King has made the submarine Ursula the proudest of his fighting craft for the awards received by her complement (already announced but now officially gazetted) make them, by comparison, the most decorated in the Fleet.

Twelve names of Ursula men appear in the list—those of the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Commander G. C. Phillips, two lieutenants and seven ratings—who are decorated, and of a sub-lieutenant and a chief petty officer, who are mentioned in dispatches.

The exploit which gained these honours for the submarine thrilled the world.

Penetrating the Heligoland mine-field known as "Hitler's cabbage patch," she crept to the mouth of the Elbe and there sank a cruiser of the Kohn class.

Six enemy destroyers screened the cruiser, but the Ursula dived beneath them, got a periscope sight of her victim and fired two torpedoes.

Destroyer Attacks Evaded

After skillfully evading attacks by four of the destroyers, the submarine rose impudently to the surface, and through her periscope saw two of the screening ships apparently searching for survivors.

There was no sign of the cruiser. Altogether, 200 names appears in the list.

Men in minelayers are decorated "for untiring energy, zeal and devotion to their arduous duty."

Others of the Nelson class gain awards with the official tribute: "For unflinching courage, steadfastness, readiness and resource in saving ships and life at sea in the face of peril and adversity."

Men who well earn their danger money in minesweepers, and others who fight Nazi underwater pirates, are greeted for "unfailing courage, endurance and resource in their hard and perilous task of sweeping the seas clear of enemy mines and combating submarines."

"For Cheerful Endurance"

Awards gained in ships conveying Britain's foodstuffs are accompanied by these words: "For faithful devotion to the hazardous duty of

to find that the boundaries of the Fatherland do not extend beyond Bohemia and Moravia. The publishers have promised to send them, free of charge, a supplementary map showing the new eastern frontier.

"An atlas is an indispensable reference book for every German," says the Koelnischer Zeitung's reviewer, "more especially in these times, when nations are in motion to remove old political injustices and thereby to wipe out potential sources of conflict which have always been inimical to peace."

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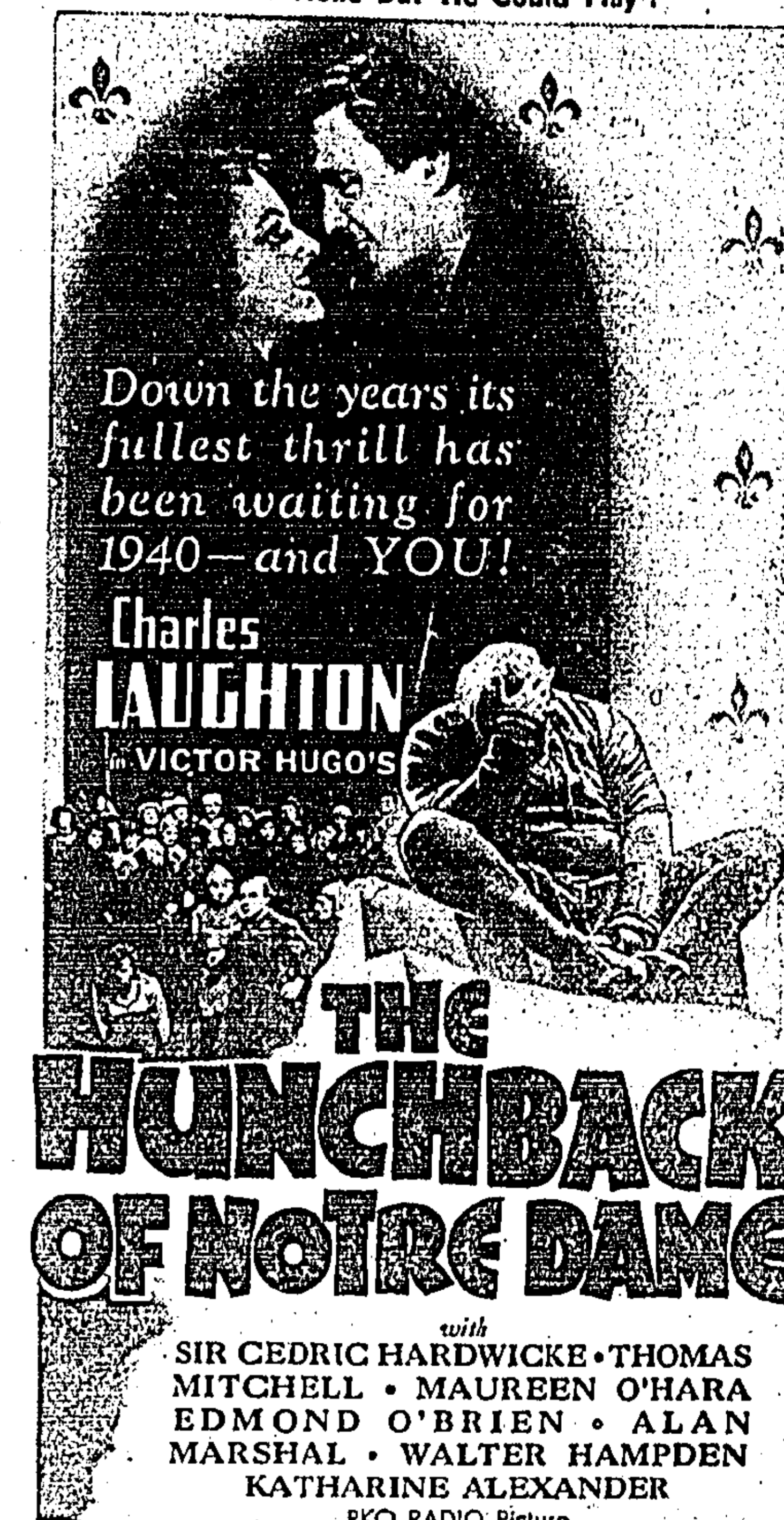
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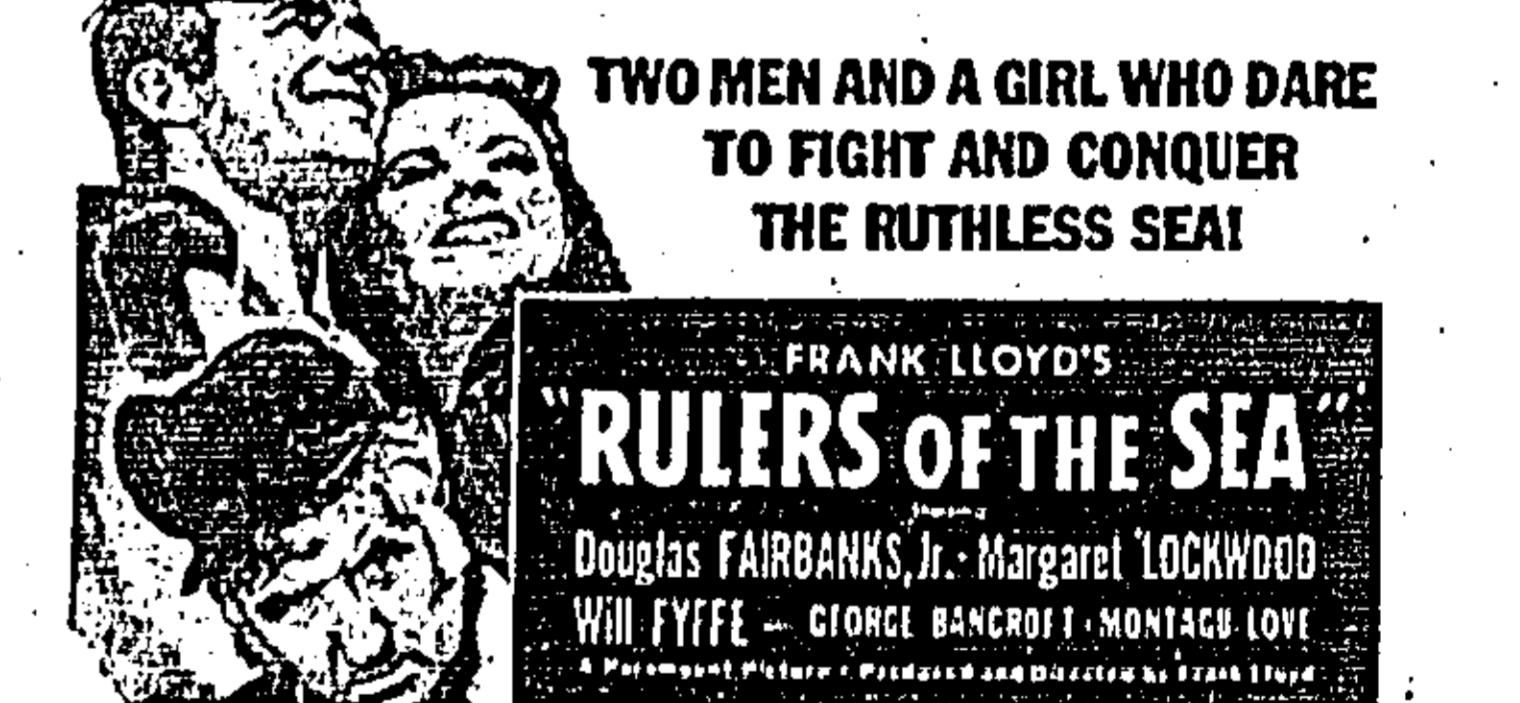
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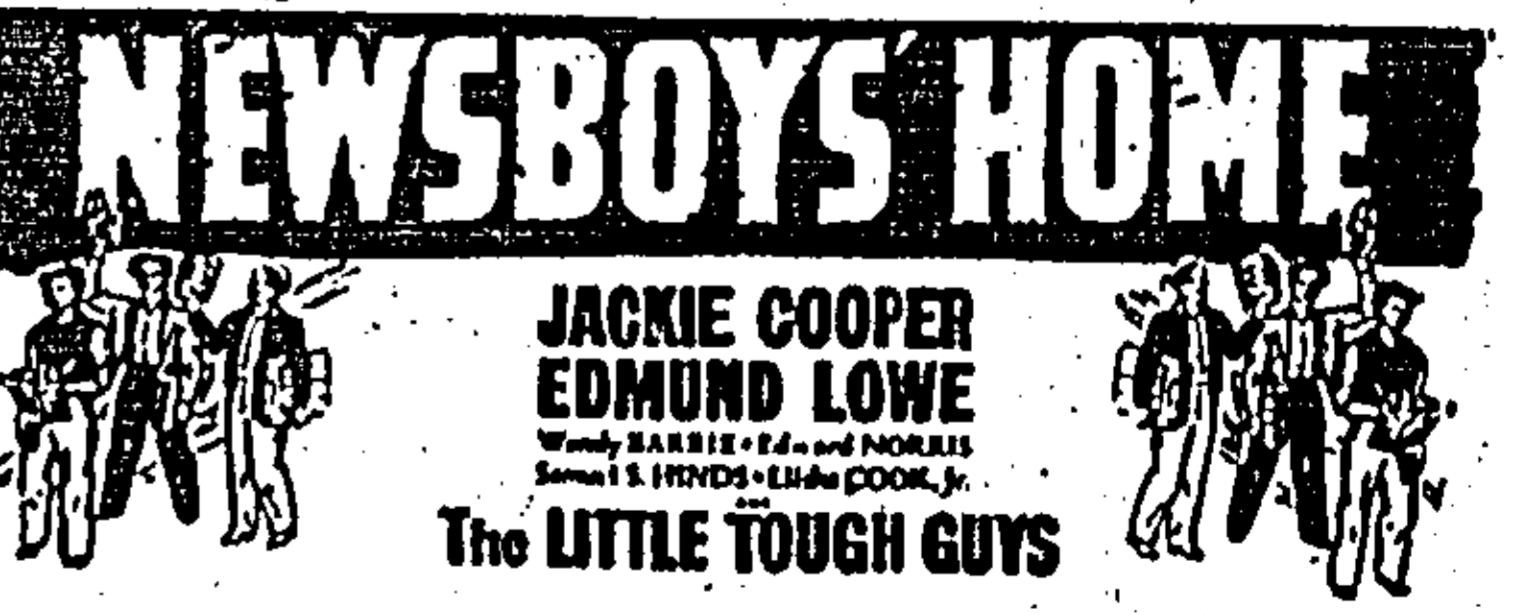


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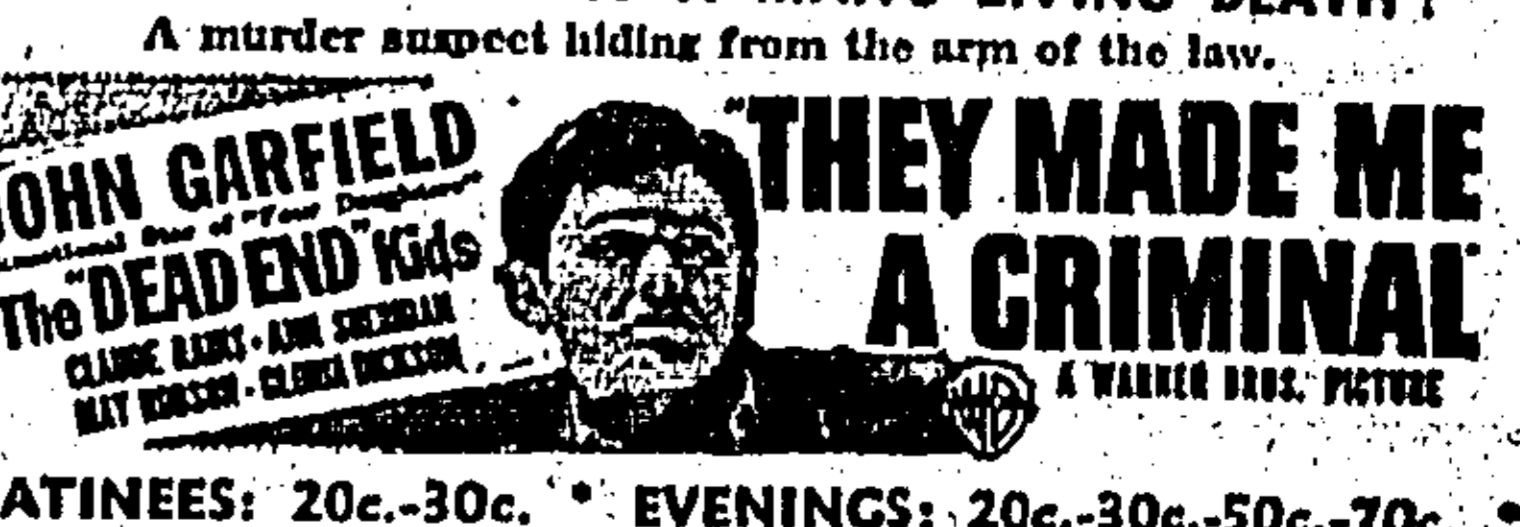
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NAZIS PREPARING FOR "BLITZKRIEG"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Feb. 29 (Domei).—Further reports of large-scale German troop movements continue to be received here.

Reports from the Duchy of Luxembourg confirm reports that there is considerable activity behind the German lines.

Personnel Of Wang's Regime

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29, (Reuter).—The new Wang Ching-wei regime, to be formally established in Nanking on March 10, will comprise five yuans and 14 ministries, says the "Tai Mei Pao."

The personnel of the Government, says the paper, will consist of the following:

- Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yuan;
- Liang Hsiang-shan, President of the Legislative Yuan;
- Chen Kung-po, President of the Judicial Yuan;
- Wang Tsiang, President of the Examination Yuan;
- Wen Tsun-yao, President of the Control Yuan;
- Lin Yu-fan, Director of the Military Council;
- Chen Chun, Minister of the Interior;
- Jen Yuan-tao, Minister of War;
- Chow Fu-hai, Minister of Finance;
- Loi Ting-kuei, Minister of Justice;
- Chao Hsiang-sheng, Minister of Education;
- Chao Shu-yung, Minister of Commerce and Industry;
- Chu Ching-lai, Minister of Communications;
- P. S. Lin, Minister of Publicity;
- Mei Sze-ping, Minister of Railways;
- Chen Chun-po, Minister of Overseas Affairs;
- Miss Tseng Ching, Minister of Health;
- Wang Man-yun, Minister of Agriculture and Mining.

Wang's Two Offices

Wang Ching-wei will concurrently be Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Chu Min-yi will fill the post of Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, the report adds.

It is rumored that Dr. Chu will shortly be appointed Mayor of Greater Shanghai and that Ting Mo-chun, the Minister of Social Affairs, will be appointed concurrently Mayor of Nanking, the report concludes.

Stirring Appeal For Help

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Prince Eugene has issued a stirring appeal to Swedish men of military age to volunteer for service in Finland.

The support given to Finland already, he said, was magnificent, but not enough. Sweden's first line of defence was in Finland at the present moment, and more volunteers were urgently necessary to stiffen the resistance.

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—The Gibraltar port authorities state that the time required for the clearance of United States ships last week averaged less than eight hours except in the case of one ship, which was without clearance papers.

As a result of the heavy reinforcement of Germany's front line forces, which is believed here to indicate the approach of the much-heralded spring "blitzkrieg," Belgium has again adopted certain border precautions.



Inhabitants of Verviers, a Belgian industrial city near the eastern frontier, have been ordered to evacuate westwards.

More Planes Over Holland

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28 (Domei).—Anti-aircraft guns in Amsterdam suburbs went into action at dawn today as several enemy aircraft of unknown nationality appeared suddenly over the city.

Some damage was done to buildings by falling A.A. shrapnel.

None of the planes were hit, nor were there any casualties among the Amsterdam people.

Nazi Planes Over Paris

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Domei).—Nazi warplanes appeared over Paris three times between Monday night and Tuesday morning, it was officially revealed today.

The first enemy plane was sighted at 9.30 p.m. on Monday night, the second at 4.30 a.m. on Tuesday and the third at 6 a.m. on Tuesday.

The air raid sirens were sounded only during the second raid.

No bombs were dropped and the only casualties were eight people, who were wounded by falling shrapnel from anti-aircraft shells.

German Losses

PARIS, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Two German reconnaissance planes have been shot down in French territory in the last 24 hours.

H. K. LAND INVESTMENT \$1,372,012 PROFIT

The report of the directors of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., states that the net profit for the year, before providing for the amortisation of Crown Leases and the replacement of buildings by writing off depreciation amounts to \$1,372,012.77 which with \$588,638.08 brought forward from last year has been credited to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

This report will be presented at the general meeting of shareholders to be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. at noon on Tuesday, March 12.

An interim dividend of \$1.25 per share absorbing \$375,000 has already been paid and after writing off \$28,200 from land and \$223,913.28 from buildings there remains a balance of

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, FEB. 29 (DOMEI).—IT IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THAT HITLER HAS MADE IMPORTANT PROPOSALS TO THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH, IF ACCEPTED, WILL RESULT IN THE CONCLUSION OF A NON-AGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

Hitler offers to guarantee the Rumanian frontiers against aggression in return for increased supplies of oil, wheat and other materials from Rumania to Germany.

HUNGARY & BULGARIA ALSO

It is understood that Germany will additionally apply pressure on Hungary and Bulgaria to relinquish their territorial claims on Rumania and, at the same time, to conclude identical Non-Aggression pacts with Rumania.

Rumania is requested to suspend the recent orders for general mobilisation, which become effective today. Though the German proposals are receiving careful consideration by the Rumanian Government, informed quarters understand that Rumania will reject Hitler's offer.

JAPANESE BOMBING VICTIMS

French Government Wants Compensation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 29, (Domei).—Conversations were held yesterday between the French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henry, and the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Tani, regarding the five French subjects who were killed as a result of the Japanese bombing of the Yunnan Railway on February 3.

The spokesman of the Foreign Office revealed today that the question of compensation would be discussed at further conversations.

No definite decision has yet been reached by the Japanese Government on this subject, he said.

Assurances Refused
"Japan, however, intends to act fairly and reasonably," he declared.

The spokesman refused to give an assurance that the aerial attacks on the Yunnan Railway would not be repeated.

"Aerial attacks will be repeated if military necessity demands," he said.

"Everything depends on the attitude of the French Government."

Molotov Throws A Luncheon

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissioner, today gave a luncheon to the American Ambassador.

The guests included the Commissioner for Foreign Trade and the Vice-Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

The meeting lasted three and a half hours.

NAVAL ACTION OFF HOLLAND?

THE HAGUE, Feb. 29, (Reuter).—Heavy gun-fire was heard off the Dutch coast at midnight.

It is believed that a naval action was in progress. The firing lasted an hour.

Flashes of exploding shells were seen from the shore.

Peace Hopes Fading

Welles' Mission Appears Doomed To Failure

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 29 (UP).—Hopes that Mr. Sumner Welles' Mission would lay the foundation for peace negotiations are rapidly fading as evidently inspired articles appear in all German newspapers, furiously denying reports that Hitler has even considered making a peace offer.

The papers unanimously reiterate that the destruction of the British Empire is the sole German war aim.

"Germany can conceive of peace, harmony and goodwill among nations only when that tyrant is done away with everywhere in the world," declares the "Diplomatic Korrespondenz."

Disappearance of British tyranny is a pre-requisite to the freedom of the seas and the making good of injustices hundreds of years old.

"This terror must be broken."

Nazi Denials

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 29 (Domei).—Rumours that Hitler will present a three-point peace formula to Mr. Sumner Welles, the U.S. Under-Secretary of State are denied in official Nazi circles.

There can be no doubt, they state, that Hitler will reject any plan designed to make the Allied war aims a basis for peace negotiations.

On the contrary, Hitler will affirm that Germany will continue fighting until the Allies capitulate to his demands.

It is believed that these demands envisage German hegemony in central and southern Europe and the return of former German colonies.

No Special Conversations
ZURICH, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—It is understood that the purpose of Mr. Sumner Welles' stop in Zurich was merely to give him a pause for rest.

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THE DIGGERS LEAVE FOR EGYPT



HERE IS THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH published in Hongkong of the Diggers—men of the 2nd Australian Expeditionary Force—embarking in Melbourne for Egypt. The Digger uniform is somewhat different to that worn by the Anzacs during the last war. Air Force Blue has been substituted for khaki, puttees have been abandoned and the famous plumed hat replaced by a balmoral. But, despite these changes, the Digger still sticks to his cocked hat, which he carries over his shoulder and will wear during Active Service in Egypt and Palestine.—Domei.

Asama Maru Nazis Handed Over To The Japanese

The following communique regarding the handing over of the nine Germans captured by the British from the Asama Maru was issued by the Naval Authorities in Hongkong this afternoon:

Early this morning H.M.S. Kanbamba arrived off Yokohama having on board nine German nationals taken from the Asama Maru.

These men were handed over to two officials from the Japanese Foreign Office in the presence of Captain D. N. C. Tufnell, D.S.C., the British Naval Attaché, Tokyo.

As soon as the formalities in connection with the handing over of the Germans were completed H.M.S. Kanbamba sailed.

Japanese Want The Rest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The Japanese Government, it was revealed in Tokyo this morning, is still demanding the return of the remaining twelve Germans who are interned in Hongkong.

The spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, quoted by Domei, said this morning: "Complete settlement of the incident will depend on the future attitude of the British Government."

He added that the names of the nine Germans who have been released from internment in Hongkong will be announced to-morrow.

The nine men will be taken care of by the German Consulate in Yokohama after their arrival there.

HONGKONG GOES TO THE POLLS

The election of a member for the Urban Council caused by the retirement of Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, began at 10 a.m. today in the Supreme Court Registry.

There are two candidates. Dr. Basto, who is standing for re-election, and Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, a new candidate who is being supported by the Club de Recreio.

There was a steady stream of voters from the hour of the opening of the polling booths, mostly of the Portuguese community who are evincing great interest in the campaign.

The result will be announced at 7 p.m. today.

\$20,000,000 LOAN TO FINLAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has approved an increase in the capital of the Import and Export Bank to enable a non-military loan of \$20,000,000 to be made to Finland.

Proposals seeking to authorize a direct Government loan to Finland with no strings, and seeking to permit expenditure of the loan in the United States in any direction desired by Finland, were put forward but were defeated.

REDS' MAD ASSAULTS TO TAKE VIBORG

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 29, (UP).—Crushing masses of Russian infantry are pouring into the attack on the doomed city of Viborg.

The drive on the shell-wrecked city is gaining momentum as the Red Army continues to hurl fresh divisions into the battle.

Wave after wave of Russian infantry is thrusting into the stubborn Finnish defences.

Terrific Losses
Every yard gained is costing the Russians terrific losses.

But the preponderance of manpower is so great that the Finns are in danger of cracking under the strain.

Fortunately, for some reason that cannot be fathomed, but which is believed to be that their ammunition is exhausted, the Russians are unable to bring their big guns into action from their new advanced positions.

At present, batteries of 3-in. and 4-in. guns are providing the main support for the Russian infantry attacks.

Earlier reports from Finnish Front on Page Five?

British Govt. And Sarawak Has No Authority To Interfere

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Information regarding Sarawak was sought in the House of Commons today by Mr. J. Graham Kerr.

The Member asked Mr. Malcolm MacDonald if, in view of the proximity of the independent state of Sarawak to British possessions in the East and its strategic importance, he would inform the House with regard to the recent deposition of the Rajah Muda and the resignation some months earlier of five members of the Civil Service.

The resignation included those of the Chief Secretary, the Financial Secretary, the Chief Justice and the Principal Medical Officer.

Improper To Comment
Mr. MacDonald replied that the relations of His Majesty's Government with the state of Sarawak were governed by the Agreement of 1888. Under this agreement Sarawak was recognised to be an independent sovereign State. In its internal affairs, His Majesty's Government had no authority to interfere except for the limited purposes mentioned in the Agreement.

In these circumstances, Mr. MacDonald was of the opinion that it would be improper for him to make any comment on the facts referred to in the question.

SAYS REPORT IS "PERVERSION"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Feb. 28 (UP).—Canadian Government circles describe the reports regarding the possible institution of Contraband Control in the Pacific as a "perversion of the actual situation."

They decline to amplify this statement.

It is admitted, however, that the Canadian Government has received a communication from the Japanese Government regarding the establishment of a control point on the Atlantic coast of North America.

LATEST

RUSSIAN CLAIMS

MOSCOW, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—According to a Soviet communique the Russian troops yesterday continued developing their offensive on the Karelian Isthmus.

The enemy attempted counter-attack, but suffered heavy losses and continued to retreat.

Soviet troops captured enemy defensive fortifications on the north bank of the Salmenkila River and occupied Rikarri on the west bank of Lake Vuoksi.

The communique gives details of the number of villages captured and adds that on other sectors there were no important changes.

According to a report from Helsinki, it is claimed that the Russians lost 1,228 tanks up to February 26. Artillery fire is now raging at Viborg, and is the heaviest barrage since the outbreak of the war.

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By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

IT IS strange to see middle-aged women of determined aspect, the mothers of families, young women evidently not long married with painted lips and a permanent wave, tending an automatic machine in the crowded din of an armament works.

For thousands of women are working in factories in France. In most of them, I think, the wife was offered the job of her mobilised husband. Many of them had never worked in a factory before, but I was told by various directors that they got into the way of it very quickly. I was not surprised, for after what I have seen I am ready to believe that the French woman can do anything she has a mind to.

But they have their homes to look after and their children to care for. In some factories they work only two weeks out of three, in others they are given every third day off, in either case with full pay, so that they should not lose touch with what after all are their essential interests and so that their children should run as little chance as possible of neglect.

IT is grim to see this multitude of women occupied in making all manner of things to kill and maim the husbands and brothers of other women. In some work, the delicate and accurate work, for instance, that has to be put into making a

fuse, they are better than men. It is grim to see them so neatly painting and varnishing the cases of big shells.

It is grim to see them, rows and rows of them, at a factory of explosives making the bas in which powder is to be poured, and, when they are filled, tying them up into neat parcels or packing them into metal cylinders.

There are many more who have given their money and their time to the numerous associations that have been instituted to cope with the manifold difficulties of the

moment. There are many who have set themselves, alone and obscure, to alleviate the distress, financial and moral, of their neighbours.

The Red Cross has founded 150 auxiliary hospitals, with nearly 20,000 beds, and has placed thousands of adequately trained nurses at the disposal of the authorities.

L'Union des Femmes de France sends parcels to the soldiers and has enrolled a host of women and girls to make jumpers, socks and scarves for the soldiers, but besides this, it has embarked upon two undertakings, one of which shows, to my mind, a touching thoughtfulness and of which the other peculiarly interests me as a professional writer.

MEN on leave, or transferred from one post to another, often arrive at a station where they have to spend the best part of the night before the train starts. They are tired and hungry, maybe wet through, and they have perhaps little money in their pockets. L'Union des Femmes de France offers them shelter.

A woman opens the door and invites the weary soldier to come in. He finds a warm room with

beds in it, rugs to cover him and hot coffee. There are paper and pencils on a table so that he can write to his family or his girl, and the fact that in one station alone from 250 to 300 letters are written every night shows that he is glad of the opportunity.

Next door is a lavatory where he can wash his feet and put on a clean pair of socks; his own

and it is heartening to know that the response has been great. The books are sorted and sent to the front to give a soldier a few hours of happy forgetfulness, to give him, perhaps, some new thought to ponder over and to bring into his monotonous life a little romance or a little laughter.

I said just now that I believed there was little French women could not do if they had a mind to. Here is a little story which might well serve as the theme for a success novel.

There is a factory where not only most of the employees, but also the owner, were young; they were called up and the factory closed down. But the owner's secretary, whom I know only as Mademoiselle B., could not bear to think that these busy works should stay idle and its many women employees thrown out of a job; so with feminine astuteness she pulled all the strings she could to get the factory requisitioned by the State, by which means work for National Defence could be secured. She was thus able to keep her women workers and because what the factory produces is of essential service, get such men as are necessary. The machines were set going again, and soon work was in full swing.

MADMOISELLE B. is evidently a young woman of determination, for during the luncheon hour, lunch being served at a canteen, she has set the women to knit scarves, socks and sweaters of the employees of the factory who are mobilised. There is a fund to which each worker contributes a few sous so that little luxuries may be added to the parcels.

Mademoiselle B. must be a person of intelligence, energy and initiative; and of course the end of the story should be orange blossom and marriage bells; but whether she should marry the owner of the factory or a young son of toil who has returned from the front with the Croix de Guerre the reader must decide for himself.

There are vast numbers of women in France who are quietly doing obscure and humble tasks of which no one will ever hear. There was a baker who made bread for the whole district and his wife with her handcart delivered it in the surrounding hamlets.

He was called up, and since he was the only baker in the neighbourhood it would have been a poor look out for everyone if the wife had left behind had not set to work to make and bake the bread herself at night and deliver it as usual by day.

And so everywhere the women of France, with wonderful patience, with their sense of affairs and with fortitude, are in a large part maintaining the prosperity of the country.

IN rural districts they are looking after the horses and cattle that have not been requisitioned and getting the fruitful soil ready for next harvest.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

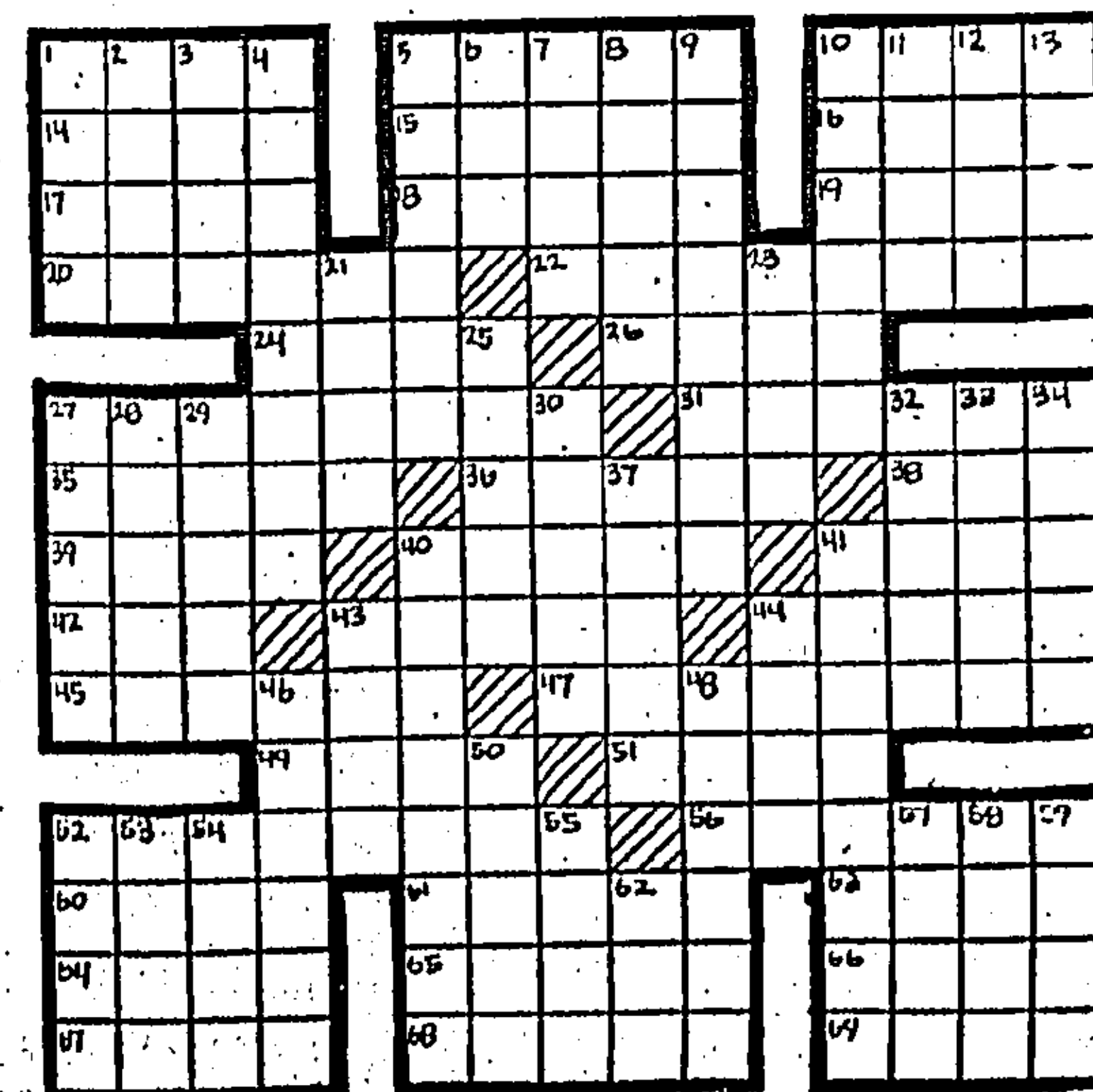
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Alexander
- 2-Choked as breath
- 3-Cobbler's son
- 4-Finish of fable
- 5-Irishman's name
- 6-Clock
- 7-Image of worship
- 8-Animal's name
- 9-Divine helper
- 10-Letter of diphthong
- 11-Answered in kind
- 12-Tenure of title
- 13-Teat
- 14-Accented
- 15-Lodged
- 16-Organ of body
- 17-Urge on
- 18-Exalt
- 19-Grain
- 20-Scientific division of life
- 21-Plant and animal
- 22-Bridge
- 23-Kind of signal
- 24-Leaving as a ship
- 25-Bird's cry
- 26-Whimsical
- 27-Wings-shaped
- 28-Potato (col.)
- 29-Small chemical furnace
- 30-Living feet
- 31-Fat
- 32-Musical instrument
- 33-Tributary of Danube
- 34-To shelter side

DOWN

- 1-Measuring device
- 2-Operatic villain
- 3-Hermit
- 4-Roman emperor
- 5-Consummation
- 6-Expend
- 7-Animal's order
- 8-Piece
- 9-Load
- 10-Examination
- 11-Persecution
- 12-Whit and one
- 13-Loud cry
- 14-Teat
- 15-African rat-eater
- 16-Nucleus of cell
- 17-Animal related to elephant
- 18-Device
- 19-Depression
- 20-Female relative
- 21-Long-necked animal
- 22-Coasting
- 23-Fro
- 24-River
- 25-Stratagem
- 26-At sea
- 27-Email cake
- 28-Cod of love
- 29-Cravat



The Woman's Part In The War

INDIAN TROOPS

Cairo, Feb. 28.

With artillery booming, Indian troops went into action in the desert today in a series of exercises which will last a month. The defending force established its field headquarters under date palms in the ruins of Memphis and Ben gans and field pieces were camouflaged with palm branches.

While the motorised enemy columns trying to destroy the canals and bridges of the Nile Valley advanced from the western desert, Jits, Rajputs, Punjabis and Hazarawals, cunningly hidden in the sandy gullies, guarded a 15-mile front. They had to wait the whole night watching with telescopes and waiting for the enemy in a silence broken only by the occasional howl of a jackal. One Indian was posted with a telephone at the summit of a pyramid.

The Indians thoroughly entered into the spirit of the exercises, which they treated as the real thing.

The British, New Zealand and Egyptian armies are also carrying out exercises, and large scale manoeuvres involving the combined armies are likely to be staged.

The friendliness of the troops of different nationalities strikingly demonstrates the Empire solidarity. The New Zealanders are mixing with the Indians and all are welcomed by the Egyptians in the Cairo barracks. The Dominion troops salute the Indian officers with enthusiasm.

A half hour programme of Indian music is broadcast every night from Cairo for the benefit of the troops encamped in the desert. A special club for Indian troops will be inaugurated on March 4 under the presidency of Lady Lampton-Reuter.



are washed and mended and passed on to another man. He gets a good sleep and a kindly woman wakes him when his train is due. He leaves rested not only in body but in spirit.

FOR months now the French soldier has had to stand the hardest possible trial to one of his ardent temper—he has had to wait; and his spirit craving for occupation demands reading matter.

L'Union des Femmes de France issued an appeal for this

vest; in the towns they are keeping the shops open and running their men's business.

Women are taking over the practice of the doctors who have been mobilised. In the schools women teachers have taken over the work of men teachers and uncomplainingly added it to their own.

I will finish my article with one trifling observation I have made which seems to me somewhat curious.

Since the beginning of the war the hair of many of the women in France has been growing rapidly darker at the roots.

Whether this is due to the anxiety natural to the circumstances

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- C2838 Meditation. "Thais"Boston Promenade Orch.
- Largo. (Handel).
- C2839 Oriental PrayerMilla Korjus.
- Bell song. "Lakme".
- C2284 Madame Butterfly. SelectionMarek Weber & Orch.
- C3070 Sousa on ParadeLondon Palladium Orch.
- C2655 London Suite. (Coates)New Light Symphony Orch.
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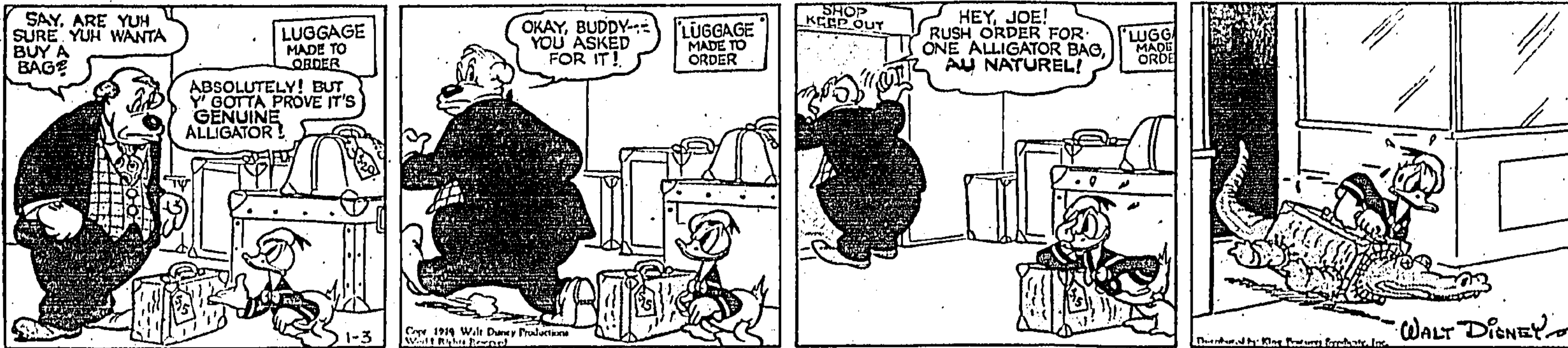
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or to some more obscure cause, I am not competent to say.

I will, however, hazard the surmise that if the war continues much longer there will be few blondes in France for gentlemen to prefer.



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HONGKONG STEAMER RESCUES 13 MEN

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Homeward bound from the Far East, the Hongkong-built Glenorchy passed through a large patch of oil floating on the water.

She was on her maiden voyage, after her launching at the Taikoo Docks in Hongkong.

Half an hour later, Captain William Christie of the Glenorchy sighted an open boat about 80 miles from the Spanish coast.

Mexico To Pay Indemnity Oil Interests Split On Question

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—According to the newspaper, "Excelesior," Mexico is preparing to take the first step for a definite solution of the petroleum controversy by paying the Sinclair Petroleum Company an indemnity "in an immediate form" and in cash.

The announcement follows the recent statement by President Cardenas that the "oil crisis" will be solved satisfactorily for Mexico before the end of the year, that is to say within the next eight months.

The amount mentioned as payable to the Sinclair Petroleum Company is \$7,000,000.

Local oil circles make no comment on the announcement which, if true, would indicate a split in the policy of the oil interests involved in the expropriation.

There were no signs of life in the open boat so the Glenorchy circled round and sounded her whistle.

"Immediately," Captain Christie said, "the boat came to life with heads and waving arms." It contained the Captain, Chief Engineer and eleven men of the Dutch motor tanker Den Haag, 8,971 tons, which was lost on a voyage from N.W. York to Rotterdam. The Den Haag was carrying 11,000 tons of oil products.

Lain Down To Die

The men, who were exhausted and starving after drifting for four days, had lain down to die.

Nothing is known of the fate of 26 other members of the crew of the Den Haag who took to two other boats.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister has set up a Committee to consider how the best services of voluntary bodies can be used to deal with the social problems that have arisen or may arise as the result of the war.



THE GLENORCHY photographed as she was being launched in Hongkong.

ZURICH CHEERS WELLES

ZURICH, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles arrived here this afternoon and was cheered in the station by a crowd of about 1,000 people.

He drove straight to his hotel. He will have no official contact with members of the Swiss Government during his stay here.

He is expected to leave for Berlin to-morrow afternoon.

GREAT BATTLE RAGES FOR SHELL-WRECKED VIBORG

Less Whiskey For Britain

Output Restricted By Two-Thirds

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The amount of whiskey and other potable spirits to be manufactured by Britain this year will be limited to one-third of last year's output.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. W. S. Morrison, Minister of Food. He explained that the restriction was due to the shortage of cereals and animal feeding stuffs.

No Shortage Yet

The supply of whiskey will not be affected for some years to come because of the present large stocks and the prices will remain unchanged, he said.

As much beer will be brewed as last year although the amount of sugar must not be over 70 per cent. of normal requirements. Cereals will be available to meet any deficiencies.

ISTANBUL, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Turkish Government has taken over the entire control of the coal industry and hopes to increase the output by 350,000 tons yearly.

Soviet Attempt To Drive Along Gulf of Finland

STOCKHOLM, FEB. 28 (REUTER).—A GREAT BATTLE FOR THE DESERTED AND SHELL-WRECKED TOWN OF VIBORG HAS BEEN RAGING ALL DAY.

WHILE THE FINNISH ARTILLERY HAS BEEN POUNDING THE RUSSIANS ROUND THE BAY OF VIBORG THEIR NEWLY-ARRIVED FOREIGN WARPLANES HAVE BEEN MAKING INTENSIVE BOMBING RAIDS ON THE RUSSIAN LINES.

Bombs which were dropped on the ice hurled tanks, guns and men into the icy waters beneath.

Because of the more easily defended nature of the ground, exports in Helsingfors have little doubt that the Finnish forces at Viborg will continue to hold out.

To-night there was a considerable rise in the temperature which gives hope that the weather may come forward and hamper the Soviet onslaught.

WEATHER IMPEDES RUSSIANS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" KIRKENAES, Feb. 28 (UP).—Little activity continues in the Petsamo region where the Russian air force's action has been stopped by cold weather, the thermometer showing 20 degrees below zero (Centigrade).

The Russian troops have not yet taken advantage of the Finnish retreat and the advanced Russian positions are reported to have not yet made a move to the south. Any attempt to do this is hampered by snow and the rough terrain.

Finnish patrols have been active in the vicinity of their previous positions at Hoeysen-jaervi thus enabling their artillery to find the change of Russian's positions.

It is expected that the Russians will continue their attempts to advance to the south in order to eventually reach the Gulf of Bothnia.

Reds Hammer At Viborg

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The fighting in Finland is heaviest in the Viborg area at the moment.

One report says that the Soviets have brought two fresh Soviet divisions up into action.

They made a terrific attempt to reach Viborg but the Finns say that they are firmly entrenched in positions, taken up a week ago.

The Finns too have brought up reinforcements, some of them being foreign volunteers.

Soviet claims that they have taken more positions are denied.

Russians' Heavy Losses On the contrary the Russians have suffered heavy losses.

The loss of the fortresses of Kolviato does not seem to have made much difference to the Finnish position so far.

There are as yet no signs that the fortress, which was dismantled by the Finns before they withdrew, is being used against the Finnish defences.

The Soviet bombing on Tuesday has decreased somewhat.

Hango is again the chief object of attack but so far only one casualty has been reported.

Meanwhile Finnish aeroplanes are busy and are reported to have attacked a Soviet air base and munitions dump far behind the Soviet lines.

Kormit Roosevelt To Lead Volunteers LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Major Kormit Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt and relative of President Roosevelt, has decided to apply for permission to resign his commission in the British Army to lead international volunteers to Finland.

Canadians Arrive HELSINGFORS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The radio here announces that the first Canadian volunteers have arrived in Finland.

Finnish Defences Collapse SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HELSINGFORS, Feb. 28 (UP).—It is officially admitted that the Finnish defence lines 80 miles south

Lloyd George Wants Bigger Air Force

Urges Retaliation If Necessary

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Speaking to-day at a Dorchester Hotel luncheon, Mr. Lloyd George emphasised the need for a stronger air force and declared:

"If it is necessary, make it clear that if there are any attacks on our citizens at home it will not end in Britain. I am for that, once we are committed to war."

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IMPERSONATION CHARGE WAIVED

Man Banished From H.K. As Destitute

A charge of impersonating a police officer against Chan Cheung, 20, unemployed, was withdrawn by the Police this morning, when Chan appeared before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy. On a second count of larceny of 10 cents from Yu Sin, 34, a carpenter, Chan was expelled from the Colony as a destitute.

Sgt. J. Bentley said Yu was in the Southern Playground, Vanchai, yesterday when Chan and three other men approached, claimed they were policemen and searched him. One of the men took 10 cents from Yu's pocket and all then fled. Yu pursued them and Chan was caught by a district watchman.

Chan denied he had impersonated a policeman, and Yu admitted that Chan had not mentioned he was a policeman when he was stopped and searched.

Sat. Bentley's intervention withdrew the first charge.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Colonel A. C. Munro, of the Indian Medical Service, has been appointed Honorary Physician to the King.



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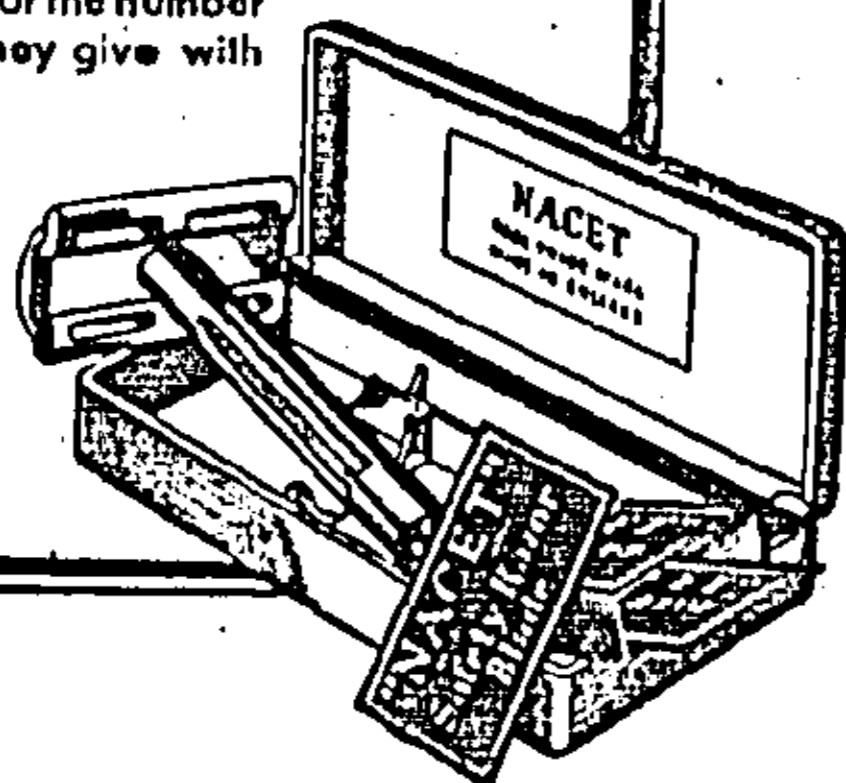
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Winston Churchill

Thirty-five years ago Mr. Churchill was making his first speeches as a Liberal and gaining the confidence that returned him to the House of Commons as a Minister. Much has happened since to politics and to Mr. Churchill.

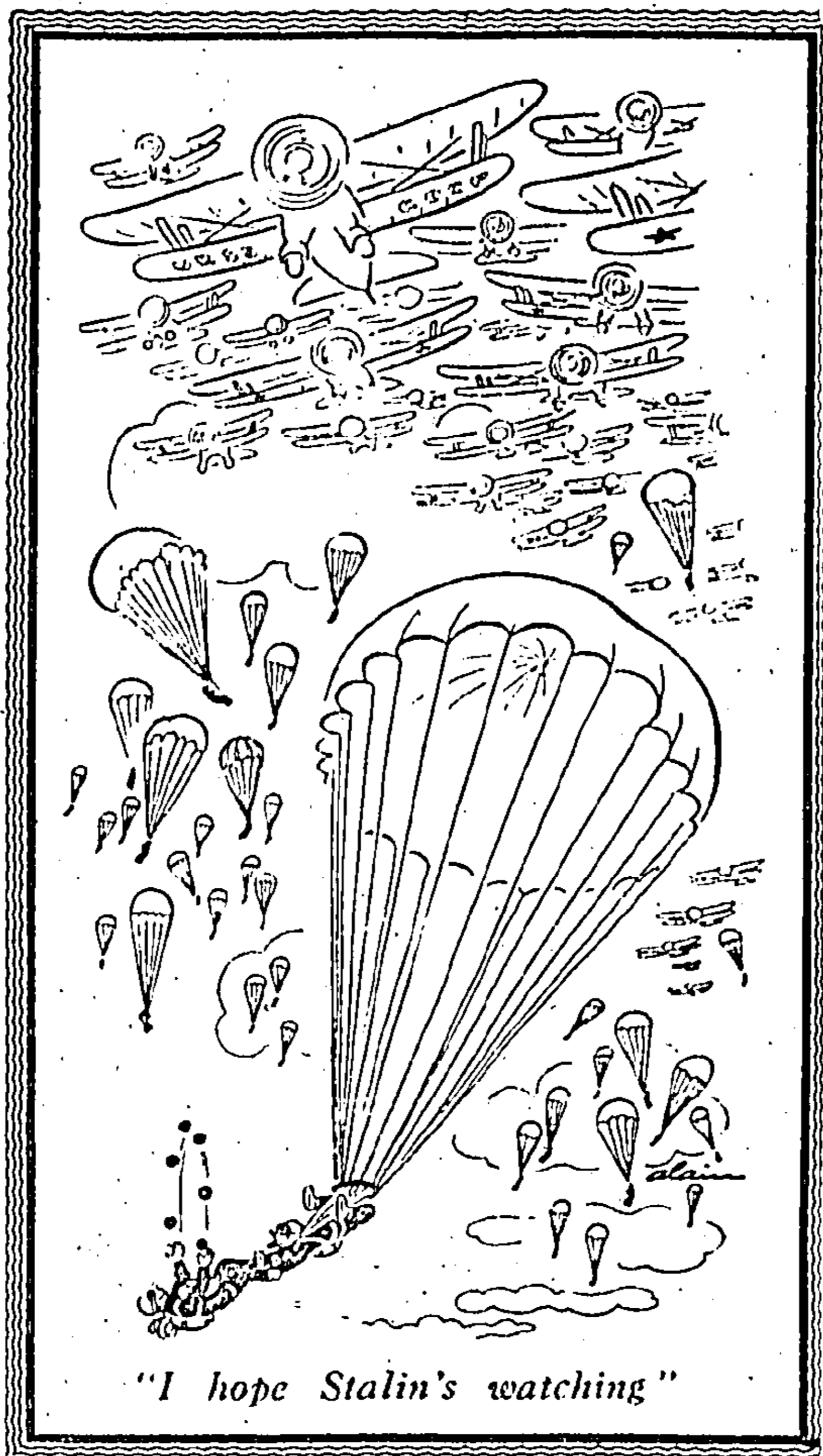
There are probably few who on looking back over his long career would claim that he has always been right. There are some who have so profound a mistrust of his judgment that they bring to everything he says a mind full of suspicion. But that he stands out among public men as a man of character, of initiative, of independence, and of tenacity nobody will deny. And he has at this moment a very special claim to public confidence. Month after month during the fatal drift of Western policy, when our realists were talking of composing all the troubles of the world by appeasement, when the Nazi rulers were presented to us as harmless men justly sensitive about the treatment Germany had received but essentially reasonable and good-hearted, when we let our defences rust and our diplomacy dream, Mr. Churchill was warning the nation that these were illusions, and illusions for which mankind would one day pay a terrible penalty.

About his campaign for collective security there was something of the character of Gladstone's campaign against Disraeli's Eastern policy in the seventies. For Mr. Churchill saw in one case, as Mr. Gladstone saw in the other, that the choice for his country was ultimately, however the truth might for the moment be disguised under soothing phrases, the choice between upholding tyranny and defending freedom. Can anybody deny that if the two Western Governments had listened to him the world would wear to-day a very different face?

Mr. Churchill, who, alone among men holding high office to-day, held high office in the last war, devoted most of his grave and sober eloquence in yesterday's speech in the House of Commons to encouraging and steeling the spirit of the nation. He analysed the elements of our strength to show how vast are the resources on which we can draw if we know how to use them, to conserve them, and to develop them. But he made it plain that we must be ready for greater exertions than any we have made as yet, and his description of the efforts that are needed was evidently intended to shake the false optimism that is so easily induced by the unusual conditions under which this war is being waged.

Mr. Churchill closed his speech by reference to the spathy of the neutrals at the slaughter of their own people by Germany's sea warfare. In a world accustomed by the cinema to spectacular sensations, hardened by the numbing power of terrible events, some are slow to realise what is happening in all its truth. At this moment the area swept by war in Europe is much less than the area

He might break through . . . but he couldn't afford to



"I hope Stalin's watching"

Life in a British Internment Camp

GESTAPO terrors of Dachau and Buchenwald, you know all about that, following the Government's publication of the White Paper on Nazi tortures in concentration camps.

For the other side of the picture, come with me to one of Britain's internment camps. No tortures, no hard work, no starvation.

Being interned, in fact, has only one disadvantage. You get bored stiff. Regulations at present prevent internees from receiving anything like military drill, or playing any game more arduous than football.

Some were brought to this big internment camp and have since been transferred; several hundreds of Germans have passed through in this way, and believe me they have been well treated as prisoners of war, though they have not been molly-coddled.

The "boss" of the camp is a Guards officer. The iron gates of the camp are guarded by sentries from a famous Territorial regiment.

That was swept by Napoleon's armies. But two things distinguish the present from the past miseries of Europe. Never before has so much energy been spent in spreading misery for its own sake. Never before has the power to strike mind as well as body, to wound men and women through memory and imagination, through love of family or love of God, been equipped with weapons so sure and so terrible.

What a picture could Mr. Churchill draw of this Europe, where all the sufferings of callous war have been eclipsed by the cold cruelties of deliberate policy, where a Government of vast strength and immense resources seeks as the object and uses as the instrument of its plans famine, disease, homelessness, insanity, and despair.

He could restore to the lurid colours that fade on our imagination—for we live in a world where the crime of yesterday is forgotten in the crime of to-day, and the crime of to-day is forgotten in the crime of tomorrow—his full power to move our indignation and pity. He could make even the slowest mind understand that this is not a quarrel to settle some dispute between one Government and another, but a quarrel to settle whether Europe is to master these dark passions or whether these dark passions are to master Europe.

THE charges are grouped into classes, "A" and "B". The Class A internees being people of some social standing who can't be expected to mix with mere proletarian internees. In fact, you can very clearly see from the "guests" here that National Socialism has bred more militant snobishness, and is not brotherly Socialism as used as batmen.

Class B chaps are used as batmen. Class A gets pay 4s. 6d. a day if they can afford it, and get slightly better food. The colonel, quiet and kindly, is trying to instill some British public-school spirit into these bullet-headed Teutons. It isn't easy.

"Camp," of course, is a misnomer. The internment centre consists of several very solid buildings—you would be amused if I could disclose where the place is.

There's no secrecy, as there is at Dachau. The internees are allowed to write home to Germany, though in view of Saar evacuations only 40 per cent. of the letters reach their destination. However, they're allowed to write two letters a week each. Of course, they're censored, and are posted together with a printed slip in German advising relatives what they must not say in reply, for fear of upsetting Gestapo censors. There's service for you!

EACH German as he arrives, after inspection by the military tribunal, is given a brief medical test, and after his luggage is examined he is served with his issue of mattress, pillow, bolster, and four blankets.

Most of his own personal stuff he is allowed to keep, but only one razor blade and no sharp cutting instrument such as scissors or nail-files.

For the present, visits from relatives are absolutely barred. Interviews with solicitors are allowed within the sight (but not hearing) of officers, and they have to check and censor all parcels arriving through neutral countries.

Internees can buy their newspapers from the canteen, and can supplement their ordinary food rations if they want to with tinned food and sweets. Few do, however, as the rations are adequate.

The men are allowed to smoke all day right up till "lights out" at 10.15, and are rapidly getting used to English cigarettes, which the Class A PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

THE myth of the Maginot Line—a section of which has now been taken over by British troops—is that it is impregnable. And a very dangerous delusion that is.

It certainly is not held by the French or the British staffs, to say nothing of the German staff. Those students of military science understand very well the value of fortifications in modern warfare—and their limitations.

But the mass of the population in France believe that the Line cannot be broken. Many people here think so too. "On ne passe pas."

THERE lies a danger.

For if the Line were pierced by a German attack, the public in the two Allied countries would be dismayed in proportion to the confidence they had been taught to place in the invincible strength of the fortification. They might feel, in a wave of pessimism, that the great barrier between them and the Germans had been swept away.

That would be quite a mistake. The piercing of the Line would not mean defeat and the ending of the war, so long as the British and French armies were substantially intact. The effect on the ultimate course of the war would depend on the cost to Hitler in lives, tanks, airplanes, etc., of breaking through. That operation might well be so expensive that it brought about Hitler's ruin, just as the costly German attacks in the spring of 1918 led to the German crack-up in the autumn of that year.

But the effect on Allied morale might be big. It is unwise in war to pin too high hopes on the holding of one position.

LET us talk some common sense about the Maginot Line.

It is a very formidable zone of fortifications designed by the best military engineers in the world, the French. But it is like other fortifications. It can be taken. And that goes for the Siegfried Line too.

The world is littered with the ruins of "impregnable" fortifications. These ruins still show the breach in the invincible walls through which the assailants poured to victory.

Some British soldiers in France at the moment are pressing one of the most famous military monuments of the Middle Ages. It is one of the masterpieces of medieval fortification.

They will see an imposing ruin on a rocky height. Cliffs, surmounted by tremendous walls. They may wonder if—and how—it was taken by soldiers who had no artillery or high explosives or even rifles.

Their admiration was shared by the royal builder, Richard Coeur de Lion, who, clapping eyes on it for the first time, exclaimed in delight: "It's a saucy child, my year-old castle."

So it got its name, Saucy Castle—Chateau Gaillard.

Three years later, the French laid siege to it. After eight months' work by their engineers, Chateau Gaillard fell.

So the story runs through all the ages. The fort is impregnable—until it is taken. Liege was going to hold up the German invasion of Belgium. Liege crumpled under the German siege guns in a week. . . . The Hindenburg Line could not be taken. It was taken.

Every line can be taken if you can assemble at a given point a preponderance of stout-hearted men and efficient material, and if you have a well-devised plan and good staff-work.

Now, Hitler has a good staff, as his Polish campaign showed. The German soldier has not lost his courage. And there is probably a numerical advantage on the German side.

It would be absurd to suppose that Hitler's generals could not concentrate their men and guns for a surprise attack.

THERE are two schools of thought about how an attack of this kind should be conducted. The French and the German. The French are all for caution. The Germans are all for boldness and speed.

The French lay emphasis on methodical preparation. The Germans on dash, leaving a great deal to the initiative of the subordinate commander, who will be forgiven much if only he keeps moving on.

The French are concerned about their flanks, about widening their front. The Germans about maintaining at all costs the onward drive of the attack.

Their idea is not so rash as it looks. They hope to win by disorganising the enemy. That was how they won the Polish war. By disorganising an army you turn it into an armed rabble, easy to destroy. By thrusting boldly and swiftly

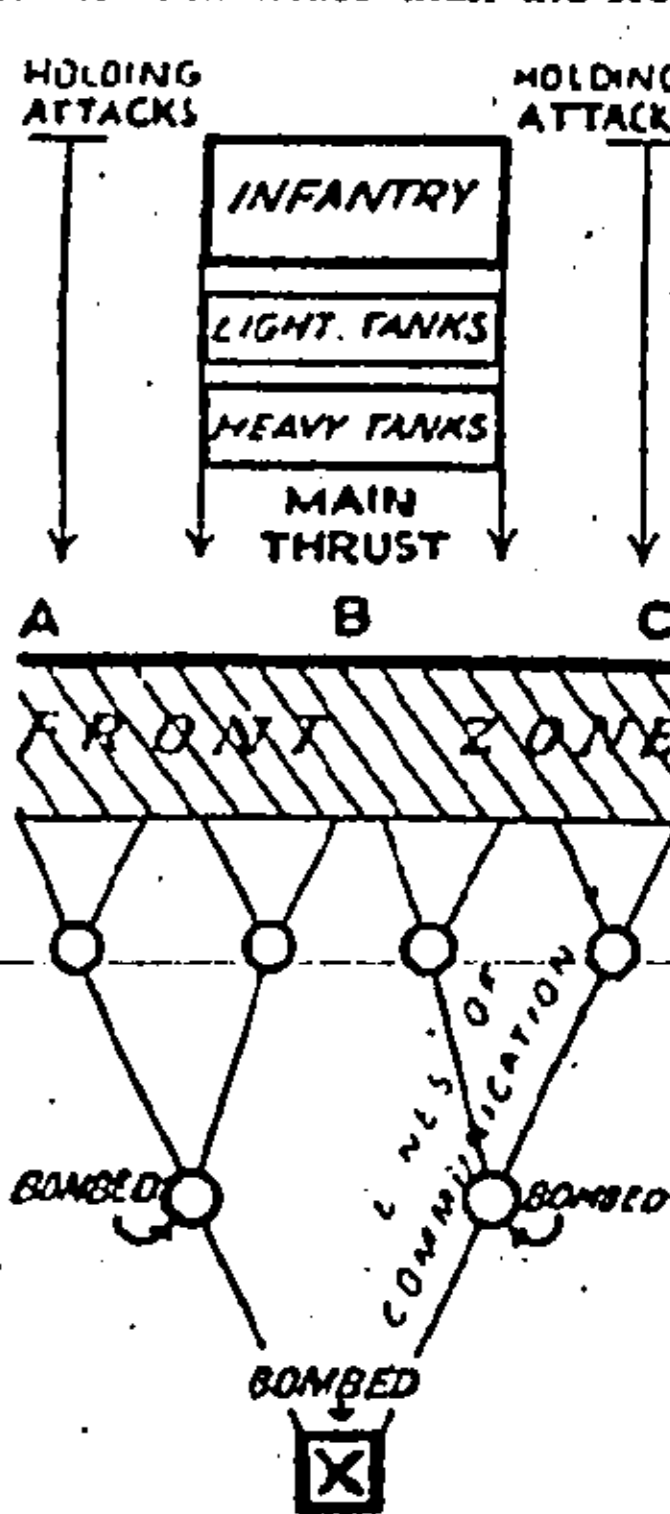
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ahead, without being too anxious about their flanks, they believe that they can create a chaos among the nerve-centres of the hostile army that will be reflected in a confusion and impotence of its front-line forces.

The further behind the front that the attacked nerve centre lies the wider the length of front that may be disorganised through the paralysis of that centre. And in the meantime the German army and the bomber the Germans think they have the means of paralysing these centres.

THE proposition can be expressed as a diagram:—

By the heavy bombing of centres X, Y and Z the Germans would hope to break communications, prevent reinforcement and promote confusion over an area wider than the front of



the attack. Assuming the main defensive zone pounded by the barrage and crossed by heavy tanks, the faster mechanised forces, light tanks, motorised guns, and infantry would push further on without paying too much attention to mopping up in the front zone.

It might be far from being knocked out. But, in theory, it would recover too late. The battle would have moved on. The mechanised army would be thrusting at X itself, hoping to turn chaos into paralysis at that nerve centre.

This is to over-simplify the German problem a great deal. But it is a rough statement of the thing in the tempo of modern war, where the initial stage of the attack moves at perhaps 15 m.p.h. (speed of a heavy tank) and the later stages at up to 30 m.p.h. (speed of a light tank).

This compares with the tempo of the last war, which depended in all stages on the 2 m.p.h. of the tramping soldier.

The possible depth of an attack in those days depended on the physique of the footslogger. Now it depends on the refuelling of petrol-driven vehicles.

AND that might be the real problem before the German generals. Their mechanised forces might, after a few hours be stranded with empty petrol tanks. Could those tanks be filled?

In any case, nobody need suppose that an attack on the Western Front could ever be a repetition of the Polish cake-walk.

The Allied Command is well aware of the German theories of war, and no doubt, has its plans ready. German losses would be horrifying. But it is just as well to get rid of the idea that the Maginot Line cannot, in any circumstances, be broken. And that if we lose it we lose all.

For two reasons Hitler might, in the spring, decide to gamble on an attack on the Line:—

- (1) Psychological effect, especially in France.
- (2) Command of the Lorraine iron ore fields.

PRISON AS SEQUEL TO ROBBERY

Four Men Sentenced To-day At Criminal Sessions

One man was sentenced to five years' hard labour and three others to three years' hard labour each by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell at the Criminal Sessions to-day in connection with a robbery that occurred in British Waters on November 16, last.

The accused were Chan Wai, Chau Tai, Kwok Lai and Wong Kam-shui. First accused was charged with receiving stolen property and the other three with robbery.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, with the assistance of Detective Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham.

Jury members were Messrs. W. J. Carroll (Foreman), U. Kiy-yiu, K. E. M. Caudron, S. A. Rahman, W. M. M. Caudron, A. R. de Pina and J. G. Buis.

Robbery Described

Mr. Williams said that Chan Ma-cheung, the complainant, was sailing at Mak Mun, on November 16 with a cargo of wood oil, pigs, and copper cents, when robbers approached and subsequently made off with the cargo.

Chan had left Chinese territory with his cargo on the day previous and with him were the junk's crew and four travelling traders. About 4 p.m. on November 16 Chan was close to Fu Tau Mun, when a boat with five or six persons came alongside.

Three of the strangers alleged to be Kwok Lai, Chan Tai and Wong Kam-shui boarded Chan's junk armed with a rifle and two revolvers. Complainant and his men were herded into the junk's hold and later they heard tins of oil and bags of the copper cents being transferred to the robbers' boat. Still later, they heard the robbers shouting, and on the approach of another sampan, the cargo of pigs and eggs were removed.

When Chan and the others eventually gained the deck again they found they were under attack and the robbers and the cargo had disappeared. The junk's sails were missing, and complainant and the others were subsequently sighted by a passing steamer and taken to Hongkong.

Boy's Vital Evidence

On board the robbers' boat was a 15-year-old cook named Chan Ngau, said Mr. Williams, and he would say that Chan Wai was the master of the junk and that the other three accused were members of the crew. The boat went to Chinese territory on business and there arms were obtained from a place called Sam Mun, and they started on the return voyage.

First accused was not on board, and the youth would say that Chan Tai, Kwok Lai and Wong went on board the cargo junk and were armed. They later sailed back to Cheung Chau where part of the cargo was transferred to first accused, who superintended the unloading of the stolen cargo.

Counsel said there was evidence that first accused disposed of a certain amount of pigs to a pork dealer at Cheung Chau on November 19, and that he went to a grocer's store and sold wood oil and copper cents for which he received about \$700. On December 6, the police acted on information and arrested all the accused in a house at Cheung Chau.

Following the prosecution's evidence, first accused said he had not known that the goods he had sold had been stolen. He had been asked to sell them, and the proceeds were not retained by him.

Second accused said he had not known what he had been arrested for. He was accused of a robbery in which he had really not taken part.

Third accused admitted the offence and said he had done it because he had no food to eat. He had a cargo of fish and had sailed his boat to Chinese territory. "But unfortunately, the Japanese robbed me of the whole cargo. So I was a destitute and I had to do this for a living," he concluded.

Fourth accused also averred that he had been innocently accused.

Verdict Without Retiring

The Jury found the accused guilty without retiring. Mr. Williams said that accused had no previous convictions, but this type of offence was very prevalent, particularly in that area.

Referring to first accused, His Lordship said he could not help but draw the inference that he was the organiser of the affair and had waited at Cheung Chau.

First accused was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, and the others to three years.

SAITO MAY CAUSE PARTY SPLIT

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Leaders of the Minseito Party this morning considered the case involving Mr. Takao Saito, veteran member of the Party who made a slip of the tongue when interpellating in the Diet on February 2. They decided to hold a meeting of the Party members on March 1 to make a formal decision regarding Mr. Saito.

Despite the fact that many members of the Minseito Party this morning opposed Mr. Saito's expulsion and favoured a long term suspension as the maximum punishment, the president of the Party and other leaders strongly expressed the opinion that expulsion could be deferred.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" forecasts that expulsion will ultimately be decided, although a split in the Minseito Party may be possible.

PALESTINE PROBLEMS

Labour Objects To New Land Regulations

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The High Commissioner in Palestine has issued regulations for certain areas governing the transfer of land.

The rules provide for two zones.

In the first place, the transfer of land to anyone who is not a Palestinian Arab is prohibited generally.

In other zone limits the sales of land have already been held by Palestinian Arabs.

They will not be allowed to transfer such land to non-Palestinian Arabs without the High Commissioner's permission.

This will be granted only in special circumstances such as for houses for irrigation or for developments which are in the joint interests of both Arabs and Jews.

The regulations were announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald who said that the text of the regulations has been sent to the League of Nations Council together with a memorandum in case any member of the Council wanted to ask for a meeting to discuss the matter.

Flouting League

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee protested against this way of handling the matter. It paid no regard to the Council, he said, and the Government was flouting the League of Nations' authority.

Mr. MacDonald denied that Government was disregarding the League of Nations.

The matter could be discussed by the League if the Council felt it necessary, he said.

In view of the prevailing conditions there was no practical objection to the setting out of the regulations in draft form, he said, and suspending all action until the League considered them. The Rt. Hon. L. Amery, Conservative member, said that some Government members had misgivings while another Conservative member asked why these regulations should be introduced now after six months of peace in Palestine.

He was informed that the peace might be threatened if the regulations did not come into effect.

Preparing For Aftermath

Cordell Hull And Post- War Problems

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, stated today that conversations were under way between American diplomats and foreign governments all over the world in the interest of preventing the forces of autarchy, regimentation and totalitarianism from gaining control after the end of war.

Mr. Hull revealed that copies of his recent statements concerning contacts with neutrals with a view to establishing a better world order after the war had been sent to all American representatives abroad so that they could bring them to the attention of the governments to which they were accredited.

Post-War Adjustments

Mr. Hull said that the action was taken with the view to making preparations for post-war adjustments, economic and military. He emphasised that the conversations had nothing to do with conditions during the war.

Mr. Hull said that if the forces of peace and stability—especially the economic forces—were not organised preparatory to the transition and reconstruction period after the war, the forces of autarchy, regimentation and totalitarianism would probably have the same tendency that they had after the World War. This tendency was to spread their practices on an ever-narrowing and more disastrous basis through the interested areas of the world with much more and destructive effects than those which followed a similar policy after ten years of the post-war period.

Seek Common Policy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Dome).—The United States has entered into consultation with the Governments of various countries throughout the world for the purpose of obtaining common policy for the organisation of a better world after the European War.

This important development in American foreign policy was announced last night by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

The negotiations are being carried out by American embassies. The conversations, said Mr. Cordell Hull, are not directly connected with the current war, but are calculated to contribute towards an adjustment of post-war economic and military conditions.

Gloomy Outlook

"If the war ends without the organisation of real agencies for peace and stability, economic totalitarianism on a narrower and more disastrous basis will again sweep the world into a chaotic period of reconstruction," he declared.

Mr. Cordell Hull declined to say definitely whether the United States had presented to the various Powers any particular plan for post-war reconstruction.

His statement on February 9 regarding the opening of negotiations with neutral Powers for an economic reorganisation of the world has been communicated to American diplomats abroad as a basis for their conversations," he said.

SECRET MINE A SQUIB

The War's Greatest Fizzle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It took Germany four years to devise the magnetic mine.

But it took Britain only four weeks to discover its secrets, according to naval correspondents who comment to-day on Mr. Churchill's "detective story" of the mastering of Hitler's secret weapon.

In the archives of the Admiralty there is a carefully guarded file which traces the history of the magnetic mine.

It discloses how Germany, before the war, experimented with magnetic mines. It tells the story of Germany's efforts to lay them by seaplanes and, finally, it tells how Britain's science detectives got on the trail.

The Five Heroes

There are five heroes of the story. They are youthful Lieut. Cmdr. J. D. G. Overy, Lieut. Cmdr. Roger Lewis, Lieut. John Glenn, Chief Petty Officer Charles Baldwin and A.D. Archibald Vearncombe.

All five men are mine experts at the Mine Experimental Department of the Naval Torpedo School at Portsmouth.

To these five men fell the job of examining the first magnetic mine to be captured.

No metal could be allowed near the mine. Lieut. Cmdr. Overy ordered everybody away while he alone removed the detonating apparatus and rendered the mine harmless.

A few days later His Majesty the King visited Portsmouth and saw the mine.

He pinned the D.S.O. on Lieut. Cmdr. Overy and Lieut. Cmdr. Lewis, a D.S.C. on Lieut. Glenn and D.S.M.'s on Baldwin and Vearncombe.

The captured and now harmless mine was minutely examined.

Now It's A Wash-Out

Within a few days, explosive experts were able to answer the Admiralty's request as to how many types of magnetic mines could be produced and the antidotes for each type.

Not only this, for the experts also showed the Admiralty how to locate the mines, how to bring them to the surface and how to render them completely harmless.

That is the story of the war's greatest fizzle—Hitler's secret weapon.

Ban On Foods For Nazis

Parcel Remittances Deplete Stocks

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—It is understood in London that the authorities in Rumania, Jugo-Slavia and the Netherlands will take steps to stop the wholesale depletion of stocks of foodstuffs in certain areas in their respective countries by parcel remittances to Germany.

These remittances arise from the activities of a concern known in the "Fortress Corporation" in the United States which, for example, charges \$3½ for a parcel of foodstuffs which can be bought in Holland and sent to Germany for a little more than \$3.

Hitler's \$5 Profit

The Corporation thus apparently makes a profit of \$5 on each parcel and this balance is at the disposal of the Germans.

It is suggested in some quarters that a large trade between Germany and Sweden is being carried on via Spain.

Substantial German-owned balances of Spanish pesetas are being released to Swedish people who make purchases with them in Spain and ship the goods to Sweden.

The British authorities, however, are said to be viewing the situation without undue concern.

GREEKS HAVE A WORD FOR IT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—ATHENS, Feb. 28 (UP).—A total of 112 Greek seamen of the Merchant Marine have been sentenced to terms of six to 12 months in exile on various islands in the Aegean Sea for acts of insubordination in foreign ports since the outbreak of war in Europe.

The seamen belonged to 13 ships and are alleged to have either refused to continue their voyages on account of war dangers or else made impossible demands.

More Money For Education

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Over £5,250,000 will be spent on education in Britain in the next financial year. This is an increase of £550,000 over previous years.

DELICATE POSITION

Anglo-Italian Trade Relations

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Rome correspondent of "Le Temps" says that economic relations between Britain and Italy have reached a delicate stage since several weeks of negotiation have failed to produce a mutually satisfactory agreement on outstanding questions.

He states that the principal obstacle to an agreement arises out of the question of Italy's coal supplies which are now obtained largely from Germany.

Italy has offered to exchange agricultural products for British coal, but Britain prefers the products of Italy's heavy industries.

Aggravation Likely

The correspondent says that the difficulties are likely to be aggravated as the result of the intention indicated by Britain to apply the export embargo to German coal now reaching Italy by sea.

Hitherto Italy has been given preferential treatment in the Allied blockade of Germany.

The Italian newspaper, "Telegrafo," says that if Britain were paid in heavy industry goods, the Italian industry would soon find itself under British control.

Rain Stops Fighting In Kwangsi

Latest Reports From China War Fronts

Rain stopped all fighting on the South Kwangsi front yesterday, according to a "Central News" message received this morning. But, the message adds, the Japanese troops at Santung on the Nanning-Pinyang highway "were closely watched by the Chinese."

From Shikung comes a report that Tenghai, 12 miles north-east of Swatow, was recaptured by the Chinese in a smashing attack on the night of February 26. This city had been in Japanese hands for five months.

The invaders were defeated in an engagement outside the city. They fled into the city and closed the gates to the Chinese attackers, who, however, scaled the city walls.

Sustaining a further defeat in the street fighting, it is alleged, the Japanese then fled.

South Anhwei Activity

Fighting has also broken out in South Anhwei near the South Kiangsu border. A "Japanese force" based at Kalkun launched an attack on Sinchichang, north of Hsuncheng, while another force, based at Wanchih, 23 miles south-east of Wuhu, attacked Jentsunwan nearby. Bitter fighting is said to be in progress.

Between February 18 and 25, several Japanese war vessels in the Yangtze River in South Anhwei were damaged and sunk by Chinese shore batteries, it is claimed by the Chinese.

On February 24, a number of Japanese pinasses loaded with soldiers were attacked near Xingchihai, west of Kweichow. Four of the vessels were damaged and over 100 Japanese were killed.

On February 25, a Japanese transport was set afire near Tikang, north-west of Fanchang, while two other transports were shelled by the Chinese near Chihchih, near the Kiangsi border.

Warship Sunk

It is also claimed that a Japanese warship was sunk by Chinese artillery near Hukow, 17 miles east of Kiukiang, Kiangsi, on the same day.

In Honan, it is reported that a Japanese drive toward Loshan, east of Sinyang, has resulted in disaster for the invaders. The Chinese threw a cordon around the Japanese near Loshan and damaged the Sinyang-Loshan highway, thus cutting their way of retreat. The Japanese were put to rout in the resultant battle and abandoned 70 bodies and a large quantity of ammunitions on the field.

Fighting has also taken place in Shansi. Covered by an artillery barrage, a Japanese contingent attacked the Chinese positions north-east of Hsialshien in South Shansi on Tuesday but was repulsed.

NEUTRALS HAVE A TRUMP CARD

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 28 (Fuer).—The fact that no reference to any solidarity with Finland was made in the communiqué issued after the recent Scandinavian Conference of Foreign Ministers was commented on by the Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano."

The paper says that the neutrals are not entirely without defence in this war for Scandinavia supplies essential war materials to the belligerents.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

NOMADS CAUSE LEAGUE SURPRISE

FINNISH SPORTSMEN AT THE FRONT

HELSINKI, Feb. 20 (UP).—Finnish heroes in the realm of sport who in normal times this month would have been competing for Olympic honours at Garmisch-Partenkirchen to-day were heroes of war stories appearing in the newspapers here.

Kalle Jalkanen, long distance ski champion, Tedes, Niemi, Antti Vakkari, Ilmo Leino, and Pekka Vanninen, other champions, were featured in the stories.

Jalkanen, while returning from the northern Finland front, obtained permission and proceeded to the Mannheim front where he met his friendly rivals. All of them wanted to be in the same corps for comradeship and to maintain uniformity and act as speedsters when necessary. Jalkanen was wounded when leading a ski expedition behind the Russian lines. Some of his fingers of his right hand are still crippled, but he has learned to use his automatic pistol with his left hand and thus he is not worried about getting away to a bad start.

RANDOM JOTTINGS

"Y" Ladies must have felt pleased at the defeat of St. Andrew's. They have again regained the Coterie Cup for the fourth successive year—a very splendid record indeed. This season they have played 10 games, won 8, lost one, drew one with 37 goals to their credit and only 7 against them. This goes to prove the strength of their attack and defence. I must once again congratulate Mrs. O. Burnett on her team's success.

Mrs. Dudley, formerly Miss A. Fowler, the well-known Interporter and "Y" Ladies left-back, arrived in the Colony from Penang last Saturday.

Whilst the Khalsa team were engaged in a friendly game against the Police last Thursday, Gurbachan Singh, the triple Interporter and star Radio inside-right, collided with an opponent and dislocated his right collar-bone. He was immediately removed to hospital, and the accident, which is of a serious nature, will keep him out of the game for at least a month.

WINDSOR LAD FIT AGAIN

Windsor Lad, £50,000 winner of the 1934 Derby and St. Leger, whose life was for a time despaired of, has recovered, and will resume stud duties next season.

This announcement was made recently on behalf of a company with which the horse was insured.

At a time when he was reputed to be earning £15,000 a year, Windsor Lad was taken seriously ill on September, 1938, with an affection of the head.

A major operation, one of the most delicate ever attempted upon a horse, was performed by Professor O'Connor, of Dublin, in the presence of many brilliant veterinary surgeons.

Arbitration proceedings followed between Mr. Martin Benson, the owner, and the company with which the horse was insured.

The arbitrator had to decide whether Windsor Lad had recovered satisfactorily, or should be destroyed. The result was not made public, but it is understood there was a compromise by which Windsor Lad changed ownership.

His return to the stud will shortly be publicly notified in racing publications.

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COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

Champions Defeated: Defence Superior In Second Half

At Caroline Hill last Sunday, Nomads caused a major surprise when they inflicted a severe defeat on the Radio and Postal Sports Club by 5-2. The home team led 2-1 at the interval. The Radio goals were in a sense contributed to by the Nomads' defence, but there was no doubt about the latter's superiority in the second half when they simply swamped the champions' defence to score four times without reply.

Nomads opened their account through R. J. Reed in the first half, and though the scorer did well at inside-right, the forwards did not pull together and their chief weakness was in attack. A complete change took place in the second half when positional changes were made. R. J. Reed occupied his usual berth as pivot, H. Gubbay shifted to left-half and J. Franco was seen at inside-right.

It was soon observed that the left flank of attack with B. Xavier and Peter Rull was more progressive than the right. Rull no doubt being the most effective forward on view. S. A. Reed led his forwards brilliantly and Franco, on his right, also rendered good support. Goals were also scored by J. Franco (2), S. A. Reed and P. Rull. On the other hand, the visitors' defence was magnificent. The splendid anticipation and intelligent interception of R. J. Reed at centre-half took all the sting out of the home inside trio. A. Xavier, right half, was also an inspiring figure and seldom did wrong when tackling. R. Xavier was a very sound left-back and P. Soares, in goal, never played better. It was a fast game and my congratulations to the winners on their splendid victory.

CHAMPIONS LEAD FIRST

RADIO, by fine team work, deserved their 2-1 lead at half-time, and it was rather unfortunate that J. S. Grevall, the left-back, received a nasty hit on the ankle which made him a passenger for three-quarters of the game. M. H. Hassan, their brilliant pivot, took the field with a high temperature and completely collapsed in the second half.

Early in the game, the Radio forwards showed better combination, but when their opponents equalised and later took the lead, J. Pinto, at inside left, was inclined to be selfish and Avtar Singh's fender, was too slow for words. However, the Gurbachan-Karminder Singh right-wing combination was the bright spot in the attack and proved a source of great trouble to the opposite defences.

Gurdajal Singh was the best forward, but Jagdeep Singh was far below form whereby he threw extra responsibility on Guest, who played a lone game at right-back. Though beaten five times, U. B. Souza in goal made some brilliant saves, and it must have been tough luck on him to witness the collapse of his defence.

Nomads' speed on the ball completely bewildered the Radio defence, who, on form, might have at least made a draw of it. However, the champions fought gallantly in the second half, but were no match for the winners, who displayed no weak link. Indeed, the champions have been made to appear so mediocre.

St. Andrew's Hopes Shattered By C.B.A.

NOT for many a long day have C.B.A. served up such exhilarating hockey as they did against St. Andrew's last Saturday. The Saints were outclassed in all departments with the possible exception of Miss J. Hall in goal. She was the only one who saved her side from utter rout. Her position behind a defence which had no power to counteract was unenviable and the C.B.A. score might easily have been greater.

A pleasing feature was the better understanding in the winners' attack and the brilliant play of Mrs. M. White and Mrs. Willmott in the last line of defence.

The game was one of thrills as well as clever play and was in two distinct phases. St. Andrew's led off in surprising brisk fashion and on only one occasion was Mrs. Eliza unlucky when she beat the defence and later the goal-keeper only to see the ball run out of play. Then C.B.A. Ladies showed better confidence in attacking methods and gained two splendid goals through Mrs. Quick and Miss Squires. Once they took the lead, which was secured ten seconds before the interval, C.B.A. never looked back, and on the resumption took full control of the Saints' attacks. The wing

Rugby Football

CLUB "A" DEFEAT WEAK NAVY FIFTEEN 12-6 AT HAPPY VALLEY

(By "Fly-half")

CLUB turned out a fairly strong "A" side against a Navy XV, which included many Australians, at Happy Valley yesterday and won by 12 points (three tries and a penalty goal) to 6 (a penalty goal and a try). Both sides were one short, packing seven forwards, whilst D. Hynes, of Club, played for Navy as inside-three.

The game was featured by good touch kicking, with the Navy team excelling in this department, especially Paul and Hammond. If anything, the Navy side overdid their attempts

at dropped goals, and often were slow in making up their minds whether to attempt a drop or not. Delayed back movements resulted.

MRS. WHITE PROMINENT

I WOULD like to mention the brilliant display of Mrs. M. White at full-back. She showed up prominently, especially in the second half, and checked and counter-checked many dangerous movements besides hitting a good hard ball. In this respect the Saints' forwards had a taste of trying to circumvent an experienced and clever strategist of the first water. Mrs. Willmott, her partner who is still a little rusty with her tackling, made no mistake with her first-time clearances. Miss D. Moss gave an inspired display in goal and in the early stages brought off some marvellous saves. I would like to see her take up goal-keeping seriously as at the moment she is one of the best in the Colony.

St. Andrew's great display some weeks ago when they defeated "Y" Ladies, the League champions, gave hopes to their supporters that they had at last struck their form, but against C.B.A. last Saturday they squashed any belief that they were on the upward path for the championship. They commenced the game as if they were going to record another victory with ease, only to fall away after twenty minutes and allow C.B.A. to score twice without reply.

FORWARDS TOO SLOW

Three times in the first half the Saints were through and they should have made greater use of their opportunities. The forwards were either too slow or hurried in their finishing. A gentle hint was included in my notes last Thursday to play Miss B. Longbottom at right-wing and Miss F. Wong at right-inside but this was ignored, and Miss M. Churn was again brought in at inside-right where she proved a total failure. She was never up with the rest of the line and consequently Miss Wong on the wing suffered from lack of support.

So far as intermediate play was concerned, there was no comparison between the two teams. C.B.A. were far and away superior, and their work in midfield was more spectacular. The backs, Miss G. White and Miss M. Ross were weak with their clearances and slow in tackling. St. Andrew's will consider themselves very unfortunate to be beaten, but they had only themselves to blame. Better luck next year.

INTERPORT TRIAL TEAMS CHOSEN

THE FIRST interport hockey trial will be held on Sunday on the Club ground at 10.30 a.m. when the Colours will oppose the Whites. Players are requested to take coloured and white shirts as changes will be made at the interval. The teams are:

Hockey Umpires Meet To-morrow

A meeting of the Umpires' Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 6 p.m. to-morrow, when the adoption of the new short corner rule in all friendly games in the future will be placed before the Committee.

A larger Committee comprising of more than four members will also be proposed, and umpires and enthusiasts are cordially invited to attend.

Whites.—U. D. Souza (Radio); Datta Ram (Rajputana); V. C. Bond (Club); Ross (H.A.); W. A. Reed (Club); N. Whitley (C.B.A.); Shah Wali (Rajputana); Honniburg (H.E.); Prithvi Nath (Rajputana); Nereis Singh (Kumasona); Parthab Singh (Kumasona). Colours.—V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.); R. J. Reed (Nomads); J. Gonsalves (Hercules); T. Alva (Hercules); M. H. Hassan (Radio); Krishna Singh (Kumasona); S. A. Fowler (Club); P. O. Gernall (Navy); G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); J. Soares (Hercules). The following are also requested to appear—Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); T. Lockhart; R. A. Quakes; L. Buckley; E. Fowler; A. E. P. Guest.

Chinese R.C. Annual Meeting

Hard Courts To Be Built On New Ground

The annual meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club will be held on Sunday, March 10, at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse, when the Chairman will present his annual report and the accounts. Officials for the ensuing year will be elected and other business discussed.

During the past year the Club had 320 members, including two honorary members, 87 life members, 150 active members, and 72 absent members.

Due to the increased membership and a demand for more court allotments, a request was made to the Government for additional ground at the southern corner of the adjoining Queen's College sports ground, and this was granted to the Club. The Club has decided to construct three hard-courts in that area and it is expected that these will be ready early in the summer. Expenditure on this item will require \$5,000 and it is the intention of the Committee to raise the money through debentures with members.

The Club, through the Tsui Brothers, won the Colony Singles and Doubles tennis Championships and were also successful in the "A," "B" and "C" Divisions of the League, and the Mixed Doubles Division.

Although the additional ground allotted by Government passed into the hands of the Club in August of last year, Government Schools are still making use of the area for recreation purposes and will continue to do so until Chinese Recreation Club are ready to construct their hard-courts. It is understood that Government Schools, under the care of sports masters, will make use of the hard-courts during the mornings and at specially allotted times.

LINCOLNSHIRE AND NATIONAL CALLS-OVER

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The first official call-over for the Lincolnshire was made to-day as follows:

Quarter Maitre 9-1 offered; Womersley 100-0 offered 100-8 taken; Tiffin 12-1 o.; 100-8 t.; Bompey-Daisy 100-8 o.; 100-7 t.; Aldine, Golden Sovereign, Southport, Ticegar 100-7; Hot Bun, Rose Town 100-6; Splined 100-6; Time Step, Davy Dollite, Unclearch 20-1, all offered.

GRAND NATIONAL

The Grand National call-over prices were: Symthesis 13-1 o.; 14-1 t.; Airgeadzio, Kilstar, Sterling Duke, Royal Daniel 100-0 o.; The Professor 18-1 o.; 20-1 t.; Lecyngne 18-1 o.; Royal Mail, Workman, Black Hawk, Domestics Cross and McMeffat 20-1 o.; Old Pal 20-1 o.; 25-1 t.; Rockquilla 25-1 t. and o.; Venture some Knight 25-1 o.; 33-1 t.; Red Prince 33-1 t. and o.

Badminton League Results

St. John's beat Kowloon in the 11 division of the Badminton League last night. Hardley and R. Heaven lost to J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher 2-1, beat Kevan and T. A. Madar 2-1, beat A. Zimmerman and J. Jones 2-0. N. L. Smith and P. Wilson beat Anderson and Fisher 2-0, beat Kevan and Madar 2-1, beat Zimmerman and Jones 2-0. D. and F. Kwok beat Anderson and Fisher 2-0, beat Kevan and Madar 2-1, beat Zimmerman and Jones 2-1.

ST. ANDREW'S WIN

St. Andrew's beat Kowloon Tong 7-1. A. E. Brown and B. Gillies beat N. A. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher 2-0, beat R. F. Lee and A. E. Castro 2-1, beat R. F. Lee and A. E. Castro 2-1, beat R. F. Lee and A. E. Castro 2-1. E. F. Fincher and H. Kow beat Mackay and Fletcher 2-0, beat Lee and Castro 2-1, beat Chen and Lee 2-1.

GARCIA AND ARMSTRONG PREPARE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28 (UP).—Cecilio Garcia, world middleweight champion, and Henry Armstrong, world welterweight champion, have ended their training routine in preparation for their ten-rounder on Friday for the middleweight title. Armstrong is expected to weigh 141 lbs., and Garcia 143.

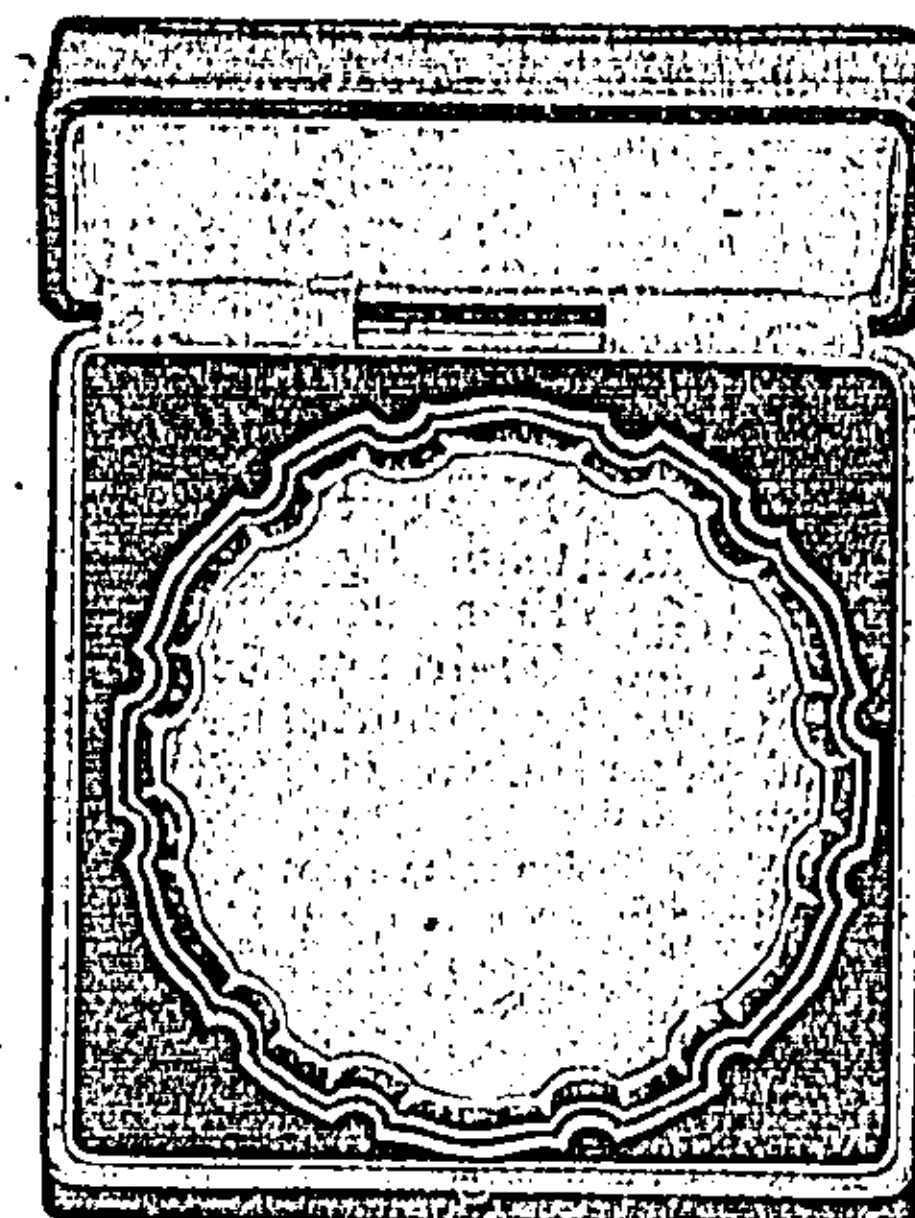
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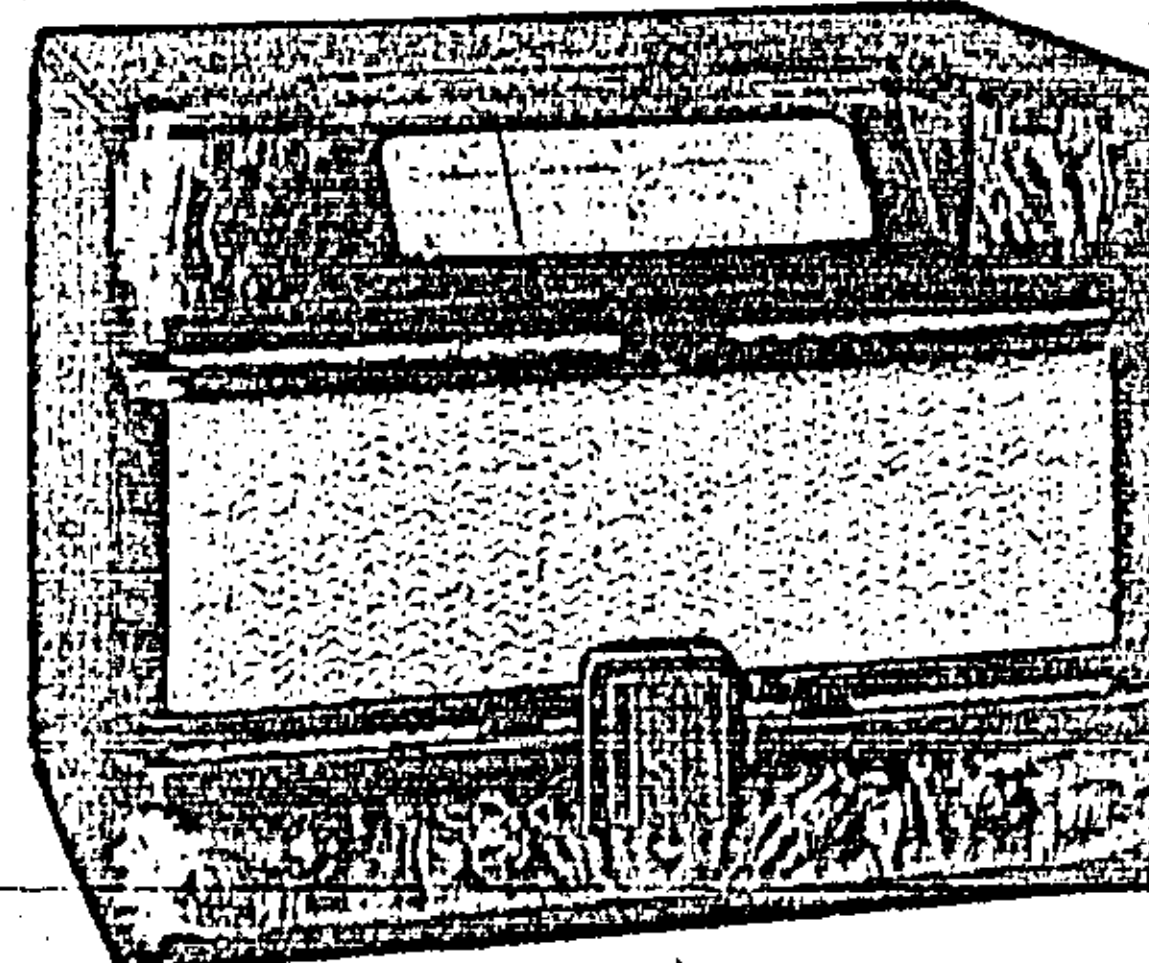
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VLADIVOSTOK AS BLOCKADE AREA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It has been learned from reliable sources that Great Britain has opened discussions with Canada regarding the possibility of establishing Contraband Control bases on the west coast of Canada to check traffic from the United States and other Pacific territories to Vladivostok.

It is understood that Britain has also re-opened conversations with Washington regarding the United States exports of rubber, tin and copper to Vladivostok for the Soviet Government.

This action is said to have followed demands in the House of Commons for an extension of the economic blockade against Germany.

Authoritative sources here have stated that besides Canada's ports on the Pacific, the ports of Hongkong and Singapore and such islands as the Fiji group may be used by the British Navy to block Russia's traffic in commodities designed for re-export to Germany.

The amounts reaching Germany by that route are, however, thought to be relatively small.

Soviet Policy In Pacific

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Feb. 28 (UP).—The newspaper "Yomiuri" said the reported strengthening of the Russian Naval defences in the Far East is a matter of serious concern to Japan. It says that the Soviet Vice-Commodore of the Pacific, Admiral Kuznetsov, is stationing 100 submarines, 12 torpedo boats and other auxiliary craft in the Eastern waters with their base in Vladivostok. It may be Russia's right to carry out such a policy, but whether it is expedient under the existing state of Japanese-Soviet relations is very doubtful.

Naval Race Dangers

The paper points to the trade negotiations at present in progress in Moscow and the mutual agreement to establish a border commission to settle the boundary disputes as evidence of better Russo-Japanese relations. It warns Russia that a naval race between the two countries might hinder the efforts to reach a satisfactory settlement of pending issues. If Russia aims to strengthen her Pacific fleet, Japan must seriously consider counter-measures apart from efforts to adjust diplomatic relations.

Volunteer For Common Cause

Jews And Arabs Land In France

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The first batch of men from Palestine to form part of the British Expeditionary Force arrived at a French port to-day, telephones "Reuter's" correspondent with the B.E.F.

They consist of about 700 men, all volunteers, 75 per cent. being Jews and the rest Arabs. They will be attached to the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps to work on communications as unskilled labourers.

"Reuter's" correspondent somewhere in France says that General Sir Walter Kirke, Commander-in-Chief of Home Forces, has arrived at General Headquarters to inspect the British Zone.

LIFE IN A BRITISH INTERNMENT CAMP

(Continued from Page 6.)

men buy from the canteen at the rate of about 10 a day.

For their benefit they have formed a committee to pool library books, lend money to comrades in need, represent their interests, and report any serious complaints to the commandant. So far there have been none.

SEVERAL Germans who have passed on to other camps, or have been subsequently released from internment, have proffered most courteous thanks for their treatment. One or two used to go around giving the Nazi salute in a luke-warm fashion, and "Heilings" sotto voce, but they have dropped all this ridiculous pantomime now, and some indeed take great pains to return all gestures with an ordinary British salute.

Each day starts early. Reveille is at 7.00 a.m., and by roll-call 45 minutes later the men must be washed, dressed, and have tidied up their beds.

There are technical punishments for slackers, but to the credit of internees there has not yet been any. Certain men are given leave of absence from roll-call on a doctor's ticket, but the general health level of the charges since being in the camp is most satisfactory. Breakfast at 8.30 nearly always consists of a pint of tea, a large chunk of new bread (baked in the camp's own ovens), a meat pie or bowl of porridge, and a big pat of margarine. You certainly wouldn't call this prison diet.

THERE are light fatigues after breakfast—dusting, tidying up, but no scrubbing or rough work—and at 10.30 there is the morning's camp inspection by the Commandant himself.

There is not a military parade. The Colonel usually has a cheery word here and there, and then the internees split up for their morning exercises. They are free to talk as much as they like, but, of course, if any heated political arguments were to develop it would be the guards' duty to break up the party. Dinner is served at 12.30—menu usually being meat pie, hash or fish, followed by fruit pie and a pint of cocoa, with bread and margarine. Tea at 4.30 is the last official meal of the day—it is really a light supper—but the men have formed their own little supper-clubs, buy stuff from the canteen (no alcoholic drinks, of course), and over sweets and cigarettes talk about the days that used to be, and the future that may be.

Time will begin to hang heavily on their hands after a few more months of war, but at present most of the men read, borrowing books from the camp library.

L. O. MANNING.

THE NAVY SPIRIT

Exploits Recounted To House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Following Mr. Churchill's brilliant speech on the Navy Vote in the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Geoffrey Shaker, Parliamentary Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, gave members some details of the spirit of the Royal Navy.

He told of one ship which before Christmas was looking for the Deutschland.

One night, a light was seen on the horizon that might have been the quarry.

From Hot Bath To Frozen Deck
Every man on board rushed to points of vantage. A 15-year-old Midese seaman who was seeking in a hot bath at the time rushed up as he was onto the deck where the temperature was around 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

He stood on the pump deck to look at what to him was the Mecca of his dreams.

In another case a warship put into port for repairs. She had 350 tons of ballast on board. This had to be moved.

The Captain was told that it would take 24 hours. The ship could not afford to wait that long so the Captain appealed to his crew.

Led by the Captain they got to work on the ballast and moved it all in an hour and a half.

Press Pleased By Speech

Mr. Churchill's Oration Well Received

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill's Navy vote speech on Tuesday was the subject of today's Press comment as expected. The "Yorkshire Post" says that the speech was vigorous and confident but not for one moment complacent. The "Daily Telegraph" stresses Mr. Churchill's remarks that he was wrong when he said that Germany was building two U-boats a week. Germany may reach that figure in the future, but she had not done so up to the end of 1939, whereas we are maintaining our figure of destroying two for four a week.

Best Summing-Up
The "Yorkshire Post," however, probably best sums up the opinions of the British Press when it concludes its leading article by remarking: "No one can read Mr. Churchill's speech without feeling heart-felt gratitude to our sailors of every rank and grade. It is certain that we shall have much further cause for gratitude before the year is out."

VIDE GRAF SPEE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Feb. 28 (UP).—Commenting on Mr. Winston Churchill's "belated admission" that the British battleships Nelson and Barham have been damaged, the D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) says: "The suppression of damages and losses inflicted on the British Navy by German submarines is intended to neutralise doubts as to the striking power of the British Navy."

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that all has been quiet on the front.

PANAMA CANAL DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—A resolution has been presented to Congress asking the administration to acquire land bases to help defend the Panama Canal, "against any possible military activity by any non-American power."

The acquisition of land on the north coast of South America, or islands off the coast for an army base similar to that under construction at Puerto Rico to protect the Canal, has been suggested.

Situation In Shanghai

Britons And Japanese Reach Agreement

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced that following the signing of the mode of the outside roads in Shanghai, the Japanese Consul General issued a communiqué declaring that the Japanese authorities were ready to resume negotiations as regards the policing of Hongkew and other areas to the north of Soochow Creek.

Mr. Butler continued: "Conversations are in fact to be resumed between the two parties, and it is hoped that these negotiations will lead to a settlement of other questions at issue concerning the Council's jurisdiction in these areas."

"Latest reports indicate that the crime situation is still very bad in the Western Extra-Settlement district, but the Japanese authorities have expressed the intention of doing away with a number of gambling houses and dens of vice to which the disorderly conditions of this district are chiefly due."

Sir John Wadlaw-Milne asked: "Will Mr. Butler express the appreciation of this country to the Japanese for definite action contemplated and press them if possible to get on with the work?"

Mr. Butler replied: "I will see that an expression of appreciation is passed forward and the work pressed on as he desires to Tokyo."

MR. WELLES IN SWITZERLAND

Stays Over On Way To Berlin

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's personal European observer, is now on his way to Berlin from Rome. He stopped over at Switzerland to-day.

On the eve of his arrival in Berlin, the Press and radio are whipping up a desperate British campaign, trying to make out that peace is impossible while British terror remains.

Commenting on this, French newspapers are of the opinion that the German Press has lost its tune towards the United States, and is now growling less and purring more.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 28 (UP).—The "Berlingske Aftenavis" correspondent at Helsingfors reports rumours that the Russians are restoring the Finnish nickel mines at Salmi, with the help of "German engineers."

COMPELLED TO SAVE

Commons Hears Keynes Plan To Finance War

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—A scheme for compulsory saving during the war which was recently propounded by the well-known economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, came within the Parliamentary orbit to-night when Mr. Keynes addressed 250 members of the House of Commons of all parties.

Mr. Keynes argued that the rising proportion of all wages over a certain minimum figure should be compulsorily invested until the end of the war when repayments would increase the purchasing power and tend to counteract the trade depression.

A family allowance should be granted amounting to 5s. weekly for every child under 15 years of age and capital levy should be imposed after the war.

Mr. Keynes arranged to meet members of the House of Commons again for a further discussion. His scheme was also mentioned in the House of Lords when a debate took place on National Economics.

Not Rejected
Lord Hankey, replying to the debate, said that Mr. Keynes' plan for deferred pay had not been rejected by the Government.

He intimated that before adopting compulsion the Government must see whether loans could not be obtained voluntarily and quoted figures showing that there had been a reduction in civilian buying.

As the war effort developed, he said, there will have to be a greater curtailment of civilian consumption. Retrenchment In Buying
Lord Stamer declared that such retrenchment in civilian buying was possible before the national as a whole had to live on a lower standard than in 1914.

Income Tax In S. Africa

Not To Be Increased To Finance War

CAPETOWN, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Presenting the War Budget to the Assembly, the Minister of Finance, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, stated that the estimated revenue in 1940-41 on the estimated basis of taxation was £44,868,000, excluding the amounts accrued to the state in respect of the price of gold in excess of 150 shillings per ounce.

The estimated expenditure is £45,595,000. Dealing with the proposed taxation, Mr. Hofmeyr announced the creation of a War Expenses Account and estimated that £14,000,000 would be required, of which £2,250,000 is at present available.

Referring to the taxation of gold mines, he announced the abandonment of provision limiting gold-mining companies' proceeds to 150 shillings an ounce. As recompense, he proposed to impose on the gold-mining industry a special contribution of £3,500,000.

The general object is particularly to benefit low-grade mines and mines outside Witwatersrand.

An excess profits duty of 10 shillings in the pound would be imposed but would not apply to gold or diamond mining industries.

Mr. Hofmeyr proposed a further two shillings in the pound as a special contribution by the diamond industry.

The basis of the normal income tax and super-tax is not to be altered, but the 30 per cent. rebate on both individuals and companies would be withdrawn.

GRAF SPEE SOLD

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—It is stated in shipping circles here that the wreck of the Graf Spee has been sold by the German authorities to an Argentine steel firm.

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U.S. Newspaper Alleges Secret Defence Treaty

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Dome).—The "Philadelphia Inquirer" to-day splashed a story of the alleged conclusion of a secret agreement between the United States and Canada regarding the defence of the Pacific Coast.

The report asserts that the alleged pact provides:

Firstly, the fortification of the Juan de Fuca Strait between Bremerton and Vancouver.

Secondly, construction of Canadian air bases on Queen Charlotte Islands and at Prince Albert.

Thirdly, reinforcement of the

American Army and Air Force in Alaska.

The paper further asserts that the joint defence scheme was formulated when a delegation of the Canadian Defence Ministry visited Washington in 1938 and met United States Army and Naval officials.

Questioned regarding the report, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to-day denied that he had any knowledge of such a pact.



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Tehran To Hongkong—Mostly On Foot

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A SHANGHAI-BORN PARSEE who, determined to offer his services to China, set out to walk to Hongkong from far-off Tehran arrived in the Colony this week, foot-sore and weary. He has travelled almost the entire distance overland. The young patriot is named Belochi.

He was born in Shanghai 26 years ago, and was sent to Tehran by his parents just before war broke out between China and Japan.

Early in 1938 a friend wrote him a lengthy account of the war and he determined to return to offer his services to China.

But his father, a carpet merchant in Shanghai, refused to permit him to leave Tehran, and would advance no money for his passage.

Decided To Walk
Belochi decided to walk overland. He tramped to India, encountering considerable hardships en route.

From India he climbed the tortuous mountains into Tibet.

Two days after his arrival in Lhasa he was arrested for entering monastery grounds and was thrown into prison.

But he became friendly with a number of the inmates, and was able to prevail upon them to intercede for him.

After several weeks in prison he was released and deported back to Afghanistan, where he remained, because of ill-health, for several months.

Sets Off For Hanoi
As soon as he recovered his health he set off afoot again and walked to

Coal Mine Disaster

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Feb. 28 (UP).—Twenty persons have been killed and 100 injured in a gas explosion in a coalmine at Arsa.

It is feared that other victims are buried in the wreckage.

Calcutta. From there he was able to receive a free passage to Hongkong. Belochi remained in the Colony for only 30 hours. He set off on foot again yesterday—for Hanoi. From there he hopes to hitch-hike his way by motor truck to Chungking. But if he can't get a lift, he'll walk.

(That Other Man) GOEBBELS LETS IT RIP—

THIS TIME WE WILL MAKE A FINAL
END TO PLUTOCRATIC TYRANNY

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Addressing a meeting at Muenster to-day, Dr. Goebbels declared that the German nation was now united for the first time in history.

The very existence of a united German nation has been regarded as a challenge by the plutocratic Powers of the west. The German nation is well aware that the present war is a war of life or death.

"Escape is not possible yet," said Dr. Goebbels. "We know our own means very well, but we also know our opponents' means."

"We Do Not Care"
"We do not care if our opponents base their judgment of Germany on the opinion of Jewish refugees, nor if they make mad war aims with a view to the utter destruction of the German nation."

"Their efforts to swerve Germany by propaganda will be as futile, as their efforts to swerve it by blockade. Germany has rendered the blockade for a greater part ineffectual."

Dr. Goebbels said that the German military organisation was the best that had ever existed. It was determined, and able, at the Fuehrer's command to bring the war to a victorious end.

"Every German was determined to stake everything to bring the struggle to a successful conclusion."

"We are well aware what would happen to us if it should be possible to defeat us," he said. "This time the German nation will make a final end of the plutocratic world tyranny."

Dr. Goebbels extolled the part played by Nazi Party officials in the war. Ninety-five per cent. of all Hitler youths were in the army. Four hundred of them were killed in the Polish operations.

Most Favourable Conditions
"We are waging the war under the most favourable conditions. Our food supply is fully secured, our economic system consolidated, and it is in a position to supply the country with all necessary raw material and products."

"The armament industry is working at the highest pressure."

Dealing with neutrals, Dr. Goebbels said that unlike Mr. Churchill, Germany did not demand their active assistance in the war, but Germany

Internat'l Tin Agreement

British Interests Not
Prejudiced By War

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Horabin asked Mr. Malcolm MacDonald if, in view of the fact that exports and stocks of tin are under the control of the International Committee, on which the countries still at peace have a majority vote, he will immediately invoke Clause 24 of the Agreement, providing against a statutory country being prejudiced when at war.

Mr. MacDonald replied that he did not think that at present British interests were prejudiced by the continuance of the Agreement.

CENSURE MOTION ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Opposition Labour Party has decided to put down a motion of censure on the Government's statement to-day regarding Palestine.

The Liberal Opposition Party intends to support the motion which is likely to be debated next week.

would not tolerate a definition of neutrality which refers to military but not political neutrality.

Germany could not allow the obvious difference between the neutrality of a State and the neutrality of its public opinion.

The right of freedom of opinion must not be misused in neutral countries, he said.

Funeral Of Mr. Humphreys

There was a large gathering of prominent residents at the funeral of the late Mr. J. D. Humphreys at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday afternoon. Rev. A. P. Rose officiated.

The chief mourners were Mr. D. E. Clark, brother-in-law, and Mr. J. E. Jupp.

Among those at the service were Hon. Mr. A. J. Shields, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. Justice Lindsay, Messrs. J. H. Taggart, H. G. Sheldon, L. C. T. Helliwell, R. A. Camidge, D. Jensen, W. H. Helliwell, W. J. Hansen, W. P. Peterson, E. Abraham, R. Hancock, E. T. Williamson, D. L. Newbigging, L. E. N. Ryan, G. G. Wood, A. S. MacKichan, S. H. Ross, D. E. Clark, F. C. Hall, C. B. Brown, H. H. Wild, I. W. Shewan, P. C. Potts, H. J. Tebbutt, D. H. Blake, A. H. Penn, A. Morris, N. Hughes, R. A. Wadson, D. G. Williams, H. J. Armstrong, E. W. Dunbar, S. W. Addison, P. Tester, J. W. Stanger, H. F. Sullivan, A. Jackson, T. Lock, R. Sleep, J. A. Tarrant, I. Guy, W. A. Cornell, A. Andrews, W. H. Addison, J. W. Alabaster, G. B. Hugh-Jones, E. H. Raymond, J. T. Dargam, E. J. R. Mitchell, Alfred Humphreys, D. Williams, G. Lal, K. Singh, P. C. Yow, K. H. Ling, Y. C. Nui, K. P. Chan, S. K. Wong, Ho Shik-ka, P. C. Pang, W. C. Lee, J. L. Que, Wong Kie-wan, Leung Pui-kam, Peter Wong.

Wreaths from Father and Irene, VI and Maurice, and Dorothy and Douglas, were buried with the casket.

Floral tributes were sent by Stella, Edmund and Faith, Dinah, and Ernest, Bruno and Auntie Nell, Goddard, and Douglas, Frank, Chubbett and Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, D. Jensen, S. Berg, C. Black, Capt. and Mrs. F. W. Hunder, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Stanger, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Collins, A. Chack, Beryl Drakeford, H. Dreyer, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ellis, D. Forbes, J. J. Gourdin, H. Helliwell, D. E. Hindmarsh, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jowit, H. S. J. Kong, Mr. and Mrs. Langenberg, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Landis, G. A. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyde-Lay, Dorothy and Jack Macgregor, H. C. Macnamara, Mr. and Mrs. V. Namik, C. V. Mark, Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Newbigging, Doll and M. Nish, Mr. and Mrs. W. Peterson, H. Pestoni, John E. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Polts, J. M. Quile, T. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Raymond, G. A. Scott-Harston, J. V. Seale, G. W. Sewell, Joan Smalley, J. H. Stanton, P. S. Sham, R. Sleep, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, J. A. and Miss Bertha Tarrant, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stoppard-Thomson, Ah Yom, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden, Mr. and Mrs. Egarwardson, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wild, D. Wikson, G. G. Wood, F. O. Wong, Peter Wong, Mrs. Hindmarsh, Mrs. Capell and family, Henry and Betty Tebbutt.

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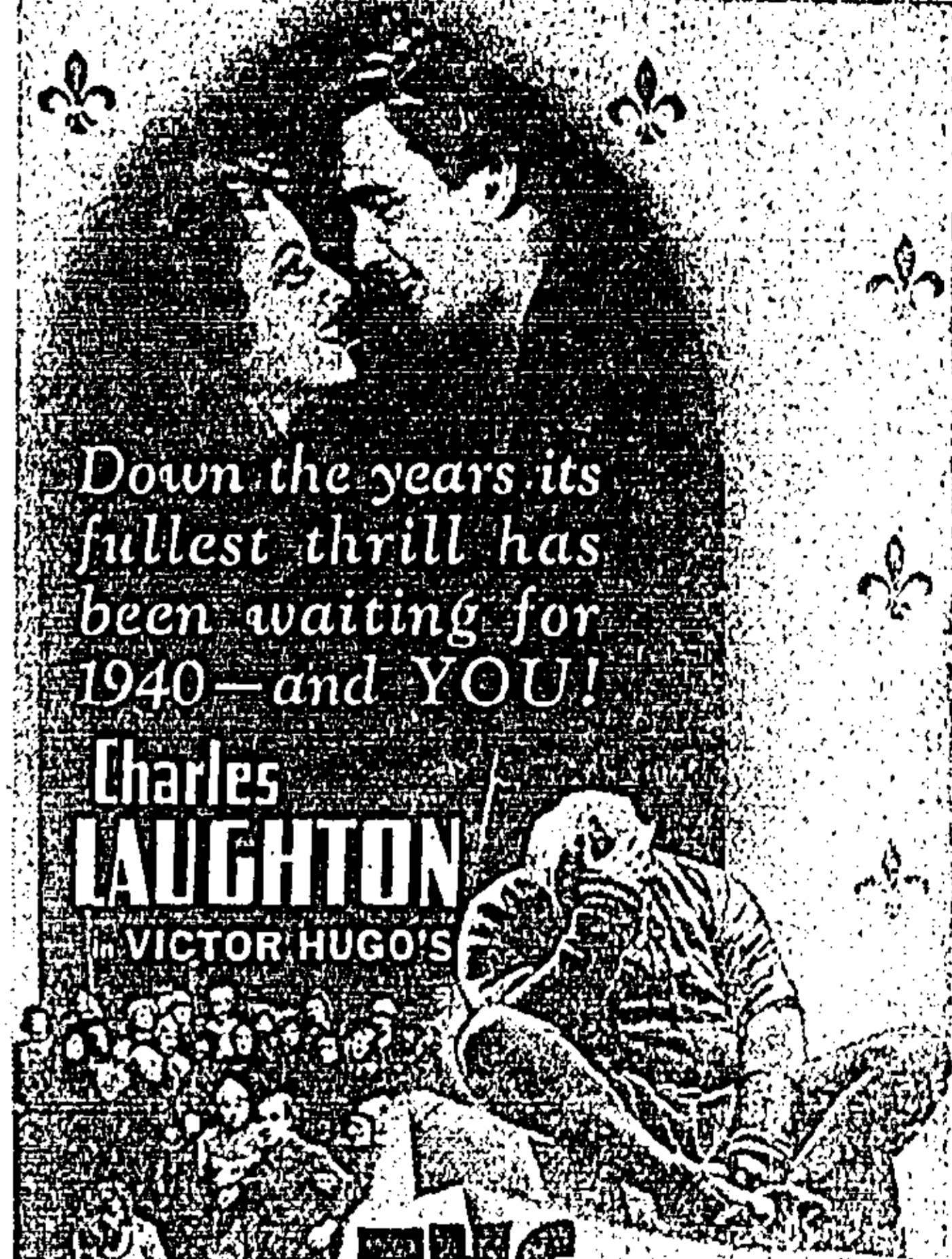
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